



HPEP Newsletter

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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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Special Announcement!!!!

Due to popular demand we are switching the times of the general meeting and newcomer's meeting. The Newcomers meeting will now be held the first Saturday of the month - 6 Jan 2007. It will still be held at the West Gray Cafe starting at 8 pm. while the General meeting will be held the third Saturday, the 20th. Meeting location to be announced.

Which brings up the point that we are still looking for a new local to hold said general meetings, if anyone knows of a place or is willing to hold such a thing at their place, do let us know."

Congratulations To BEAR re-elected to the HPEP Board!!!

Happy Birthday Mistress More (2/18) and
MWvixen(2/21)!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Happy Valentine's Day to All !!!!!!!



This Valentines Day...

February 2007

Date	Event	Time	Contact
Feb. 2nd	HPEP DOMinion Dom SIG	1 st Friday of the month 7:30 p.m.or Friday	DOMinion
Feb. 2nd	HPEP Sub_versity Sub SIG	1 st Friday of the month 7:30 p.m	HPEP_sub_versity@yahoo.com
Feb. 3rd	Newcomer's Meeting	1 st Saturday of each month at 7 p.m. at The West Grey Cafe 415 West Gray St., Houston, TX 77019	Newcomers' Committee
Feb. 4th	Photo SIG	3:00 p.m. 1st Sunday of the month	
Feb. 9th	The HPEP Polyamory SIG	2nd Friday of the month at 7:30 p.m.	Poly SIG
Feb. 9th	HPEP's H.E.L.L. [Reading / Movie SIG]	7:00 p.m. every 2nd and 4 th Friday Movies, and book discussion	Reading Circle
Feb. 10th	HPEP Switch SIG-	CANCELLED until March	Switch SIG
Feb. 11th	Bondage SIG	2 nd Sunday of the month at 3:00 p.m.	ClintEman77380@Yahoo.com
Feb. 17th	HPEP Monthly Meeting	HPEP General Meeting -3 rd Saturday of the month 8:00 p.m. - location TBA	www.hpep.org
Feb. 17th	HPEP Ageplay SIG	3 rd Sat. of each month at 1:00 p.m.	Ageplay SIG
Feb. 18th	The ToyMakers SIG	3 rd Sunday of the month 4:30 p.m.	ToyMakers SIG
Feb. 23rd	HPEP's H.E.L.L. [Reading / Movie SIG]	7:00 p.m. every 2nd and 4 th Friday Movies, and book discussion TBA	Reading Circle
Feb. 24th	The D/s SIG	4 th Saturday of every month at 7:30 p.m.	D/s SIG

~Reminder ~

The HPEP Board Meeting will be the Wednesday following the Newcomer's Meeting.

~ 7:30 pm ~

**West Gray Cafe
415 West Gray
Houston, TX 77019
713-528-2887**

Members of the Houston BDSM community are welcome to attend with comments and ideas and if you want to find out what has happened, is happening and will be happening.

Any matter you would like the Board to address, please contact one or more of us.

[Click here: Map of West Gray Cafe, 415 W Gray St, Houston, TX, 77019-4442 on Citysearch](#)

Houston People Exchanging Power, is seeking "applicants" for the following positions.

- 1.) **Switch SIG Leader**: This position has been filled. The new leader of the Switch SIG is **Kathy**.
- 2.) **Welcome Wagon Greeters**: The Board of Directors has recently created a number of open positions for greeters to welcome new faces to HPEP events. These people should be dynamic, outgoing and friendly, and willing to meet and greet new faces and introduce them to our organization. Candidates for these positions (number unspecified) should be willing and able to attend newcomer munches and/or general meetings. Those interested should contact Patrick (pthef@sbcglobal.net) for more information. We already have four volunteers for these duties, but are seeking more, so hurry up and sign on quickly!

On behalf of HPEP's board and membership, thank you very much in advance for your interest in promoting HPEP and making it a better organization for us all!

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SIG News

Switch SIG	Kathy
D/s SIG	John (sirjohn@scottishdom.net)
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Subversity	Dixie
HELL	MWvixen (mwvixen@swbell.net)
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Toymakers SIG	Rene Z (renzap@yahoo.com)
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 January Bondage SIG

The January SIG was another "hands on" meeting. Our members had a good time – actively participating in one or more bondage positions either as a top or bottom. Our theme was several tutorials from Midori's classic book, *The Seductive Art of Japanese Bondage*, including her Simple Breast Bondage and Open Leg Crab, Arm and Chest, and Cross Legged Bondage tutorials. I handed out copies of these different positions and asked our members to construct them. ... and the fun began ...

Many members asked for personal instruction on how to create these and other knots/ties. More experienced members were happy to oblige, sharing their personal expertise.

As several of Midori's positions were demonstrated, we pointed out how they could be used as the basic ties to allow full access to a bottom for sexual pleasures. I copied this theme from Oz, in his "Help Poor

Oz" segment of the December Dallas bondage group meeting. Thanks, Oz, for suggesting such a fun theme.

A side note --- Part of this meeting involved sexual themes. And most meetings involve partial nudity. No one, at of any our meetings, is treated with disrespect, or made to feel uncomfortable in any way. There is no groping, or obscene/inappropriate treatment of any of our bottoms. I am pleased to report that our members treat each other with respect, and EVERYONE has a good time. I thank you all for your very mature behavior. It makes what we do a lot of fun.

In summary, it was another good Houston Bondage SIG. There was a nice social interaction among all attendees with people learning things and lots of smiles all around. My thanks to all who attended and participated. And, we all send special thanks to Travis and Mel for again hosting this SIG in their house.

Make your plans to join us for our February SIG, which will be the second in a series of SIGs concentrating on the ties, positions, and techniques presented in Midori's classic bondage book, "The Seductive Art of Japanese Bondage". If you don't already own Midori's book – be sure to look at Jimi Tatu's "store" at Amazon.com. (**SEE NOTE BELOW**)

<http://astore.amazon.com/dsarts-20>

We are building on the basics to set the stage for more advanced positions later in the year. Don't miss our next SIG on February 11.

We will continue to work through the tutorials in Midori's classic book, The Seductive Art of Japanese Bondage. Chapter Three contains positions and techniques. This month I would like to work with Positions 3, 5, and 7

Position 3 – Tortoise Shell Body Harness

Position 5 – Bamboo Rod

Position 7 – Hog Tie

After last month's meeting, Hoss posted the following concept for a scene (in message #1282) –

"...You have all seen in the movies where a large stick is used as a carry point, and a victim is tied to it, and then carried as a sacrifice to the volcano god, or to the dinner fire for a little cooking...I'm thinking of doing the same and sacrificing a submissive at some point in the future...

So think about the idea, toss around ways to create the ties so that the carry pole can be easily removed..."

We'll help Hoss rig his submissive with a removable bamboo rod to carry her around.

And let's expand his concept --- After we learn the mechanics of rigging a bondage tie or position – how would you like to use it in a scene? So, let's discuss and experiment with ideas for using these positions in scenes.

Our Bondage SIG is HANDS ON with members demonstrating their techniques, offering advice to each other and answering questions that may arise. If you are a novice, this will be a great opportunity to learn how to construct basic ties. If you are more advanced, practice combining the basic ties into more complex positions. If you are a bondage bottom, let us entertain you with pleasurable positions. If you are an "eel" (someone who likes the thrill of trying to escape from a bondage tie) let us construct a tie that should make escape attempts more challenging. If you are a bondage top, learn how to create these interesting ties.

All levels of expertise are welcome. Bring your questions and/or suggestions.

Make your plans and mark your calendars. The next meeting of the Houston Bondage SIG will be on the second Sunday of the month, February 11, at 3:00 PM in Travis' house in Houston, Texas. Directions to Travis' house are in the File Section in the Houston Bondage SIG egroup.

If you wish, bring something to munch on and share with others. We're going to learn something and have fun with each other. See you there.

Gary
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Houston Bondage SIG Leader
Houston, Texas

NOTE: Midori has just emailed me encouraging me to recommend other book sellers in addition to Amazon for the purchase of her and other kink related books.

Here is her recommended list of book sellers --

Stockroom.com
GoodVibes.com
Babeland.com
PurplePassion.com

And even a good indie book shop such as Powells.com

I'm attaching her email to me which includes her reasoning and her recommended list of book sellers.

Stay well and have fun.
Gary

This is a copy of Midori's email to me.

Dear Gary,

Greetings from San Francisco!

A friend of mine forwarded to me a meeting report on your January Houston Bondage SIG. I'm just tickled pink that you're structuring learning experiences for people around my book. Thank you!

I also wanted to make one small but important suggestion. You list Amazon.com as a place to purchase my books as well as that of others. I would like for you to seriously reconsider this.

Here's the reason. Amazon, like Wal-Mart, engages in price dumping and severely discounted whole sale purchasing practices from the distributors and publisher. This has several negative direct and indirect effects on the kink world. The discount they force from the distributors and mean that the profit margin that goes to the publisher is smaller. This leads to fewer books published over the course of a year, less risks taken in marginal titles, larger publisher's refusal to print 'riskier' books and less reprints or no reprints of smaller niche topics. This means fewer kink and alt sex books. Due to the smaller profit margins, many small publishers that do specialty books, such as kink, have closed over the past 10 years.

The smaller margin also makes for smaller royalties for the authors. We make our income from a % of the wholesale amount, not the retail. This means that my rope bondage book purchased from an independent book seller gets me a royalty of just under \$1 per - but if you buy from Amazon and other giants, I might get 50 cents per book. This works similarly for other authors such as Jay Wiseman, Janet Hardy, Joseph Bean, etc. With such return and treatment authors are less likely to do the hard work to create niche books or continue to do sequels..

There's also the principal of supporting 'our own.' Why give business to a faceless entity that's just as likely to sell books that encourage discrimination of the sexual minority? Why not give it to businesses that are owned and operated by kinksters? Make your purchases count for who we are.

Here are some suggestions of where to buy kink books, including "Seductive Art of Japanese Bondage", "Wild Side Sex: The Book of Kink" and "Master Han's Daughter"

Stockroom.com
GoodVibes.com
Babeland.com
PurplePassion.com
And even a good indie book shop such as
Powells.com

Thank you for your consideration on this. If its appropriate, please feel free to forward this to others or post it.

Midori
P.S. I'm bringing my Rope Bondage Dojo (sm) to Dallas in December.
Info is at www.RopeDojo.com

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"All that is necessary for the triumph of evil is that good men do nothing."
Edmund Burke

Photo SIG

Meets 3:00 1st Sunday of the month.

Location varies, depending on the type of shoot that we're doing.

We shoot bondage, fetish & club wear, artistic nudes, and scene.

SIG topics so far have included camera and lens basics, studio lighting, outdoor lighting, how to pose a model, and digital darkroom.

The yahoo group is here:

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

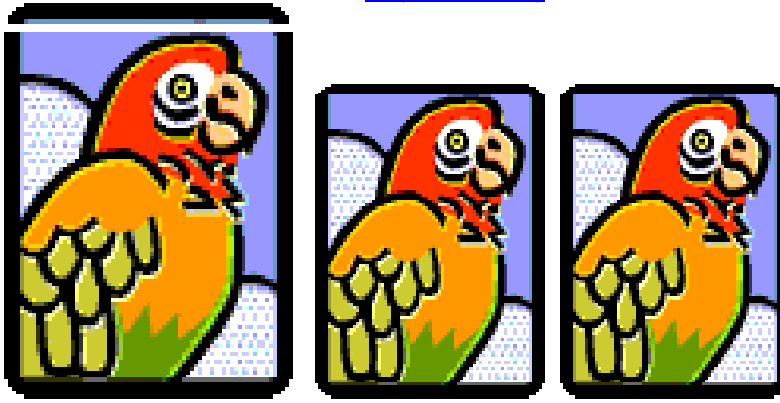
The HPEP Poly SIG

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 Domes have a meeting on the Friday before the Newcomers' 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](#)



Sub versity

This is so exciting... the HPEP Board has approved subversity as an HPEP SI G.... a wonderful private home has been made available for the group, just a few blocks from Dominion. subversity is for all subs, slaves, switches in bottom mode, bois/boys, girls/girlie sissy girls, puppies, kittens, ponies. The group is for ALL Genders... so please don't shy away... There will be planned topics of discussion at the meetings, as well as having a mentoring group to assist anyone who has issues they wish to discuss privately. This group belongs to you... it is here to meet your needs, and interest. Directions will be sent to you privately if you will email me at lyenakay@yahoo.com in order to protect the privacy of the homeowner. Like all HPEP SIGs the meeting place is smoke free, an area will be provided for the smokers.

Meetings will be held the Friday before the Newcomers' meeting, either the last Friday of the month, or the first Friday, according to how the calendar falls. In order to attend a subversity meeting you must first attend the HPEP Newcomers Meeting, held the 1st Saturday night of each month, at the West Gray Cafe. (which, by the way is this evening, so what a good time to come get acquainted) the exception being the long standing HPEP members who already qualify to attend.

The e-group is also available for discussions, and suggestions. The rules are simple, you must have an age on your profile, and no flaming .. . The group is open for any and all discussions, just keep the debating friendly... Feel free to join the group .

Please let me know any ways subversity can better meet your needs.. did i mention.. this is your group!!

HPEP Board members, thank you for approving subversity as an HPEP SIG.

HPEP_sub_versity@yahoogroups.com
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/HPEP_sub_versity

HPEP H.E.L.L.

(Houston Erotic Literature Lovers) Book & Movie SIG

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

HELL meets 7:00 p.m. - ? every 2nd and 4th Friday night !

Please contact me at mwvixen@swbell.net for directions. Please remember, these meetings are held in a private home so I will need to know who you are and you will *have* to have attended an HPEP Newcomer's Meeting prior to coming to the HELL meeting. Newcomer's meetings are held the third Saturday of the month and you can find the details at www.hpep.org .

In January, on the 12th, our first meeting of the New Year we had a record turn out to watch "The Pet",

This very unusual and much-anticipated film was both entertaining and controversial, drawing both praise and criticism during the ensuing discussion.

And yes, some of us still read books! What are you reading? Tell us what you would like to discuss!
JACK RINELLA has a new **book** out called "Philosophy in the Dungeon" - The Magic of Sex and Spirit on which he did a most interesting presentation at a recent EROS meeting.
See his website at <http://www.L LeatherViews.com>

Now, for those new to the group:

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 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 going to 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! :)

Switch SIG

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 crosses

Other Events in February 2007

Courtesy of Mistress More
& Michelle

- Feb 2-4 Fetish Fair Fleamarket, Danvers, MA
- Feb. 10 HVFP Party Clear Lake 9pm
- Feb 16-18 Pantheon of Leather XVII I , Chicago
- Feb 16-18 Lupercalia MMVI I , Edmonton, Alberta, CN
- Feb. 17 Bruised and Bloody Valentine Dallas
- Feb 18 Bal Masque, New Orleans
- Feb. 18 Chinese New Year
- Feb. 22-25 SouthPlains Leatherfest Dallas
- Feb.22-25 * LUEY leather event - Houston
<http://www.lueyweekend.com/homepage.htm>
- Feb 23-25 South Plains Leather Fest, Dallas*
- Feb 23-25 The Sex And So Much More Show, Denver

* HPEP will be hosting a reception for LUEY. Details to be announced.



Looking for the perfect way to celebrate Valentine's Day?

Well, look no further. Join us at **Sanctuary** on February 17, 2007 from 8PM until the last person leaves! The donation for this event is \$25 and absolutely everyone that attends will receive a gift. We will also be holding a Master/slave, Top/bottom auction. So, start saving your pennies! Of course, everything is voluntary and you are only winning the right to negotiate a consensual scene with the person. Anyone interested in participating, please contact Shelly at ShellysParties@sbcglobal.net.

There will be a professional photographer set up in one of the rooms as well to help you capture your special night. He will be offering approximately 20 images to do with as you please on a CD that you will receive that night for a very nominal fee of \$20.

A portion of the proceeds will be donated to [Genesis Women's Shelter](#).

RSVP is required. Please send all RSVP's, questions or concerns to: ShellysParties @ sbcglobal . net

***South Plains Leatherfest - International Master/slave Weekend**

Dallas, Texas - February 23-25, 2007

Whether you're interested in Master/slave relationships or cutting edge SM - or both -- you'll find it at South Plains Leatherfest-International Master/slave Weekend (www.southplainsleatherfest.com) in Dallas, Texas on February 23 - February 25, 2007.

South Plains is again offering two seminar "tracks," featuring some of the community's best-known presenters on Master/slave relationships and advanced SM techniques. Presenters for the M/s Track include Mistress Suzan and slave ziggy (I M/s 2006), Master Skip Chasey and slave rick, Master Steve Sampson (I M/s 2000), Master Z and slaveboy tony (I M/s 2004), Master Jim and slave marsha (I M/s 2001), and Sir Stephen and slave catherine. The Leather/SM Track features, among others, Midori, Mark Frazier, Hardy Haberman, Fifth Angel, and Allena Gabosh.

South Plains is the home of the International Master/slave Contest, which kicks off at the Dallas Eagle on Friday evening with the introduction of the contestant pairs and concludes Saturday evening at the host hotel. Emcees for the contest are Pat Baillie and Randal Kinneer.

Each year, South Plains offers a Sunday Brunch, featuring a keynote speaker. This year, the tradition of the Sunday Brunch will continue with keynote speaker Dossie Easton. This is one speech you won't want to miss!

What's the price for a weekend full of education, excitement and leatherfolk? Early registration, including admission to the seminars, contest and the vendor market, is only \$89 - but only through December 18, 2006. Brunch tickets are available for purchase for \$20 when you register on line. This brunch always sells out so buy your ticket now!

And what would a leather weekend be without play parties? South Plains has them - and for the first time, you can buy your tickets to all three parties (Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights) on line when you register. Space is limited - buy your tickets today!

The South Plains host hotel, the Crowne Plaza on Mockingbird Lane, is offering an outstanding room rate of only \$66 per night for up to 4 people, if reservations are made before February 2, 2007. You can make hotel reservation through the SPLF web site or call 214-630-8500 or 1-800-2-CROWNE and ask for the South Plains group rate.

For additional information, please contact any of the co-owners of South Plains Leatherfest: Mark Frazier (Lhang@aol.com), Master Jim (mstr_jm@hotmail.com) or slave marsha (marshaslave@hotmail.com). Don't miss what promises to be another extraordinary South Plains!



"Blood may be thicker than water, but leather is thicker than blood." ~ Master Skip Chasey ~

A new magazine came out in January called **Power Exchange Magazine** <http://www.powerexchangemagazine.com/> You will recognize many of the names of the contributors - it will be available by subscription or on line. Check it out!!! Each issue has a theme to it, the first one is Master /slave relations, the second one is Female Masters, the third is Boot blacking, then Fem Doms. They will also be doing issues on Pony Play, Toys, and Power Exchange.

Mistress Moré's Scene News Reports

DITA VON TEESE FILES FOR DIVORCE FROM MARILYN MANSON!!!

"We would never have seen that coming"

Dita Von Teese has filed for divorce from Marilyn Manson. The goth rocker - real name Brian Warner - was served with divorce papers on Friday, January 5, 2007 at the Los Angeles recording studio where he is working on his latest album.

Teese - who has been with Manson for seven years and married to him for a year - moved out of the marital home and filed for divorce before Christmas, citing irreconcilable differences.

A source told the New York Post newspaper: "She really tried to make this work but he's not been responsive. She loved him so much, but he has too many demons. He can't even communicate with her at this point. She tried to tell him she was divorcing him, but she can't even get him on the phone. She moved out of the house and he hasn't even noticed."

Estée Lauder president John Demsey, for whom Teese works as the face of MAC makeup, said: "We're really sad to hear this. Dita has been the most extraordinary MAC spokeswoman. She's the ultimate professional - a glamour girl like there used to be in the 30s and 40s."

A friend of the sexy burlesque dancer and Playboy model joked: "Well, at least now she won't have to share her make-up."

The couple - who were married in a gothic-style ceremony at an Irish castle in 2005 - have two cats, Lily and Aleister, and two dachshunds, Greta and Eva.

KINK.COM ACQUIRES HISTORIC SAN FRANCISCO ARMORY BUILDING!!!

"Check out www.kink.com and www.sfarmory.com"

Kink.com announced last January that it has acquired the **State Armory and Arsenal** located at 1800 Mission Street in San Francisco. The company (formerly known as **Cybernet Entertainment**) reported that it acquired the Armory, which is a registered national landmark, at a cost of \$14.5 million.

"I have been excited about the Armory ever since I first toured it 18 months ago," said **Peter Acworth**, CEO and founder of **Kink.com**, in a company press release. "It is a historic monument with amazing character and I believe it has wonderful potential as a movie production studio. The building has not been used in 30 years and I look forward to an exciting restoration project and helping revive San Francisco's movie industry."

Construction of the **Armory** was completed in 1914, and the building served as a National Guard facility until 1976. In 1978, the Armory was added to the **National Register of Historic Places**, and it has been out of official for close to 30 years.

"Previous conversion plans throughout the years have been met with much community resistance for various reasons including gentrification and broader concerns relating to social and environmental impact," **Kink.com** stated in the release, adding that Acworth plans to revive the building "in consideration of gentrification and social and environmental concerns while restoring and renovating the Armory to its original splendor, style, and beauty."

Kink.com stated that it plans to pursue mainstream movie deals with companies that would like to take advantage of the building's "period detail" which includes "cavernous dungeon-like basements, stone staircases, sweeping corridors, and a gigantic drill court spanning almost an acre."

According to NBC11.com, the website for Bay Area NBC affiliate Channel 11, the reaction of nearby residents to the news of Kink.com purchasing the Armory was mixed.

"Me being a young lady and I have a daughter... we don't need that," said neighborhood resident Vaenisha Rodgers, according to NBC11.com. "Put a library here or something like that."

Another resident saw the transfer of the Armory to owners from the erotica business as consistent with the overall character of the city, however.

"It's kind of San Francisco," said John Beckart, "taking guns and turning it into sex, kind of in the spirit of the city. We welcome it to some degree."

Kink.com says that their effort to use the building as a movie location and production facility will create local jobs, and support the company's "intent to benefit the neighborhood community."

While **Kink.com** stated that it does intend to use the building for its own core business of producing adult movies for distribution on the Web, there is no reason why the surrounding community would ever witness that activity, as it would all take place behind the Armory's ample walls.

The company also listed as a "long term" goal for the Armory to work with the city in order to "obtain an assembly permit for the drill court to be able to open parts of the building to the public for events and fundraisers."

KINK EXHIBIT TO OPEN IN FEB. 2007!!!

"New York City"

Become a tourist in the world of kink, fetish and fantasy as the **Museum of Sex** opens its latest exhibition, "**KINK: Geography of the Erotic Imagination**", on February 8, 2007. Based on the work of social anthropologist **Katherine Gates**, the Museum of Sex's most hands-on, interactive exhibition to date will take museum patrons on an eye-opening tour through the geography of sexual fantasy.

"**KINK** will allow visitors to try on fetish costumes, climb into bondage furniture, and play with kinky props, all the while learning about the larger narrative themes that bind all human eroticisms together, from the most 'vanilla' to the most kinky," noted **Daniel Gluck**, Museum of Sex Founder and Executive Director. "Patrons are encouraged to bring cameras and document their journey into this erotic wonderland at specially created photo ops throughout the exhibition. While this exhibition is guaranteed to awaken the senses, it is also designed to remind us that more often than not, fantasy itself is the most powerful means of seduction and can evoke the most powerful of sexual responses."

LISTS!!!GROUPS!!!CLUBS!!! OH,MY!!!

(BDSM Community Resources and Happenings)



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" (Rudyard's is now open at 11 and serving food) 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, Jean and Clay, of course. Brett and Artena, SOB/Bob, Serial Killer James, boyNick, leslie and Stephen are the Board members for Eros.

<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.

Fetish/Swingers Club: Club Cave

Club Cave is temporarily closed and is moving locations. Please see the Website for more details! <http://www.ClubCave.com> To visit the 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.

The Safari Club holds it's play parties on the first Saturday and third Friday of each month, after 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

This Email is to announce the formation of a **new Egroup** to replace the TNC group that has recently died. This group is independent of any other group and is intended to be a gathering place for everyone in the BDSM Lifestyle. I encourage everyone to join and to post your group functions. All I ask is that everyone respect one another and that we refrain from SPAMMING and FLAMING. Below are the links to the Gulf Coast Power Exchange Group. I'm looking forward to hearing from you!

Below is a bit of what this Group is about and some rules:

Gulf Coast Power Exchange Group (PEG)

In the light of the demise of the TNC Group, I decided to start another group, independent of everyone else. This is strictly an online E-group that is designed to be an outlet for all things related to BDSM in the Houston area and all over this Southeastern section of the state of Texas.

I am fondly (or sadistically) referred to as Ironass because I've been in the Lifestyle for many years and like to be played very heavy, as many can attest. I belong to Pink Dragon Lady (Trellen Russey), who is also a veteran of the Lifestyle. Herself and the late Art Russey (the Toy Maker) used to have the Gulf Coast Power Exchange Group, the original PEG, in Pasadena, Texas for several years until his death.

If you have a BDSM group you are invited to post your activities here. However, this is not a place for SPAM. We are not here to sell anything - there are other groups for that - but to share our experiences with one another as it relates to the BDSM lifestyle.

This group will be moderated by me and will not answer to the demands of any other group. We will honor everyone and are here to pass judgment upon no one. However, there are a few rules:

1. First and foremost, NO SPAMMING! Anyone who tries to spam on this list will be blocked as soon as I discover it, no questions asked and no appeals. By SPAMMING, I mean commercials of any kind for any product or service and asking for money.

If someone is in need or in the hospital, please feel free to post a request. If you wish to announce a play party or an event of your BDSM group, please feel free to do so. If you have a website you wish to share with us relating to the Lifestyle, please feel free to post.

2. I will not tolerate any flaming on this list. Arguing about things is one thing and can be done civilly, but we are not here to pass judgment on anyone or to run anyone down. If I see that on this list I will deal with it in whatever manner seems fair. It is OK, however, to talk about Travis (LOL).

I have found the BDSM community to be one of the most caring and giving communities in the city, but we can be quite vicious at times. I simply ask that we all show some respect for one another and remember that we do not know what anyone is going through at any given moment. It is better to err on the side of humanness than to rip one another's throat out!

3. As to the posting of pictures, please be discreet. We have to be careful of showing private body parts on a public forum such as this. As a member, the pictures you put in a post for this group are at your discretion, but let's try not to make Yahoo nervous - well, more nervous - than it already is.

At the moment, that's the rules, other than to honor the Yahoo guidelines for groups. Post, talk, announce, have fun.

Your Moderator,
Ironass

When you join this group please remember that Yahoo requires you to have your age posted in your profile or they can bump the whole group. They want to know that everyone is over the age of 18. PLEASE REMEMBER THIS!

Links

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Yahoo Group

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To Subscribe:

GulfCoastPowerExchange-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

BDSM Women's Group: Just Us/WIK

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. **JustUsWIK (women in kink)** 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 WIK** 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

<http://www.thirdfriday.org/>
Check Website for new Location!

More Yahoo Groups, Websites, Etc.

As of today **ATR (A True Rose)** has a **calendar** where you can list your own events throughout the year....

To do that go to the index.php page for some of you will need to go to <http://www.atruerose.com> then enter and you will be at: <http://www.atruerose.com/n/html/index.php>

On the top left hand side of that page the very second link says Calendar, click on that and you will be at: <http://www.atruerose.com/n/html/modules.php?name=Calendar>

From there pick Create an Event (the first listing on the top left of the calendar that will bring you to: <http://www.atruerose.com/n/html/modules.php?name=Calendar&file=submit>

From there for now if the Select Topic does not cover your event pick Misc. Lifestyle things (we will broaden this to be more inclusive for your events; today is the first day we have this to offer all of you so we are still tweaking it a bit, if you have suggestions on what to include just email me....

Just fill in the blanks.... if you want to add an url for more info or an email addy to contact you then you need to know a little html coding....

To add an url in the event description box you would do Name of Site

I . E. for ATR that would have been A True Rose

If you want someone to email you for info. that would be your name here

So for me that would be cajunrose If you know html you know you can add a subject line in your email for me that would be cajunrose

Your event will be automatically added without waiting... so if you need help doing this just email us and we will be happy to help....

We hope this calendar open to all, for all events becomes a tool that you can all enjoy... you do not have to join ATR to post an event, it is open to everyone...

Questions, remember we will help anyway we can just email them to me....

To see and event posted for the 8th anny. of ATR go to jump and put the date of June 29, 2006, this is an all day event, so just run your mouse over "view" on the date and in the top right hand corner of the web page you will see a box appear...

I know this is about as clear as mud but if i can do it i assure you, anyone can do it....

Happy posting,

cajunrose

co-owner of A True Rose

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<http://www.atruerose.com>

Greetings All, just a note to let everyone know that there is a **new kitty group**.....did some looking around and could find no groups for human kitty play for my sister subbie so i started one LOL so please come and check it out if you are into this type of play :-)) hope to see you there. (susan)

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

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@yahoogleroups.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.

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@yahoogroups.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

dfw_powerexchange.

The link is http://groups.yahoo.com/group/dfw_powerexchange/

Our mission statement:

DFW_powerexchange is for A/anyone in the Dallas-Fort Worth area who is into the D/s lifestyle, or interested in learning more about it.

Our purpose is to be:

- 1) A place to grow and learn in our Dominance and submission.
- 2) A connecting point for Masters, Mistresses, Dominants, switches, slaves and submissives to meet and make friends with others who share our interests through social events, both vanilla and lifestyle oriented.
- 3) A forum for the exchange of information, thoughts, ideas and experiences on the dynamics involved in D/s or M/s relationships and play--not only through dialog on the message board, but also through real-life personal interaction among members via discussion groups, parties, group outings to other organizations' events and more.

4) A link to other organizations, events, craftsmen, merchants, artists and others who cater to those in the D/s lifestyle.

Thank you for your consideration, cravin

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.

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>

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 in the February 2007 Newsletter. I really

Want those Birthdays now, so everybody gets their fair share of spankings!!!!

Send to mwvixen@swbell.net

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 (and to those from whose emails I "borrowed") (esp. Mistress More, Bondage Gary, kaycee) 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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