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They try and make sure that the play party rules are enforced. Now they're not, you know, acting as cops in this manner. But these are experienced people folks who have gotten an awful lot of mileage on their own. And they can recognize problem areas. From a crowd aspect or, or,



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or even a safety aspect. If somebody's getting in trouble if they've been hanging up too long and seeing if their fingers are starting to turn blue, there's definitely a problem. If the tops not paying attention, the DM should be paying attention



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as Laurie says if the lights are on, there's nobody home it's time to stop.



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Crowds point of view to they'd like to know somebody's in charge that somebody outside the scene is watching and is just not being involved in it so that they can have an open point of view they were somebody is taking care of things. It helps a whole lot when they see that the stand around there watching



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knowing that no one's going knowing that no one's going to walk through their scene so that they can actually focus on on their submissive or whatever they can not have to worry about the crowd around the DM tends to take



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and even the end even the crowds feeling safe to know that there is a DM watching out for them as well.



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Also, on the safety issue, we've talked about education. I know that clays group Arrow's has every week seminars that they put on educational programs to teach their the people that are coming in how to perform certain things Trish has already told us that they just finished a flogging seminar. Houston pep every month has seminars and to show you how we work together as groups clay is going to is a real wonderful person when it comes to doing things with electricity. And clay is going to come from the arrows group and teach the Houston pep folks at an electricity seminar. At those seminars, we deal with the concepts of safety and sanity. So that if you want to learn to do something with electricity, we want you to learn to do it so that the person gets up off the table when you're finished laughing and giggling and having a good time and wanting to go back from wanting to go back from home. So there's the education fits tremendously into that concept of safety in it



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a Houston pep we have sort of established a precedent in that people who are newbies, if they are coming to their first dungeon party, before they can go they have to attend a seminar and be be sort of acclimated to it. And I taught the last one and I guess I'll be teaching the next one. But it's really important because things are going to happen there that they may not expect. People sometimes I know I as a submissive, get some very strange reactions when things really start breaking loose and the endorphins kick in. Now I happen to be a giggler. But we have some people who are screamers, we, you know, we have some people who are moaners and the even pass out. So yeah, I've seen that a few on a couple of occasions. And the point is that we don't want the newbies being utterly shocked, we think it's only fair, that if they're going to come to one of these events that they have a feeling of, of having been warned ahead of time so they can make informed decisions about what they do or don't want to say.



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Even that consent to reality, you have to teach them a little bit. We literally have new people that come in there say, Well, if somebody asked me to play, can I say no. It's like full? Of course, you could say yes, of course. They're they're thinking submissive, that they're supposed to submit to everybody that walks by and you teach them what that consensus reality means that they have the right to say no, and that nobody is going to hold that against him. And that's part of the reason why we start playing in groups so that they have support, there's people around there to keep an eye on them and make sure nothing gets any further than what they want it to be. And you have to teach them that they're that in a lot of ways the submissive is in charge of the scene. Maybe not in the details, but in the broad scope of things. They say what doesn't doesn't happen?



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Well, and the other thing that what we're doing like next Friday, we're putting on a seminar for etiquette, because we have a big play party coming up the end of this month, we have a lot of new people who have never been to a play party and have no idea what to expect. So much like the pep intro to that what you're doing, Sarah, we have the etiquette down there to tell them the do's and the don'ts. You know, there's just certain things it



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really is inadequate. Yeah, there are some things that are accepted considered acceptable behavior, and some that are not, you do not interrupt scenes, you do not take other people's toys. I mean, there's a whole you know, this, I mean, I don't want to sound like this, the Gestapo. But these are some common sense things that people need to know, when a scene is going on. There's a lot of energy. This is why it's called exchanging power because there's a lot of energy going back and forth between the top and the bottom. Exactly. If somebody steps in there interrupts that they may or may not get that energy back. You know. So again, it's, you know, it's an important it's an important issue.



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And when we don't want people coming to these parties to thinking that, Oh, I'm going to a play party. I can play with anybody there. You know, normally at these play parties that people have already negotiated before the party what's going to happen in their play? So some of the people who come we don't want them to think that they can play with anybody there.



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That's what the meetings are for, right? When you meet you meet at the meetings in a social aspect to get to know people so that you can potentially develop relationships with them and then play at the play parties or at the dungeon, dungeon parties and stuff. And, you know, we, a lot of us, I think we agree that we encourage people to develop some sort of, you know, relationships with people, instead of just playing, you know, with someone that you've just met that night, it's very difficult to, to have a scene be very fulfilling, it could happen, but it's rare. Yeah. You know, if you get to know someone, and you develop a very strong friendship and possibly a, an intimate relationship with them, then you tend to have or can potentially have better scenes, and more fun when you play then then just meeting someone and going off and playing



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well, how can you trust anyone you've just met?



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Exactly, exactly



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as Laurie likes to say, you know, if you're gonna allow somebody to tie you up, you better be damn sure that you know, they aren't what they were about.



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They know how to untie you.



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Yeah, that does bring up a word that Trish use just a second ago, negotiation. One of the interesting things about the s&m scene is as opposed to being a place where people just choose to take power themselves. People negotiate the exchange of power, we don't take power, because you're a man taking power over a woman or a woman taking power over man. Or because you're a big person taking power over a small person. We it's like a group of lawyers, we sit down we negotiate, you get to choose whether you're going to be a top based on your sexual desires, and not based on your sexual gender. So if you meet people at meetings, or even at a play party, if you're going to do something, this is all about communication. Psychologists would love us because we communicate all the time, we have to talk about things and find out what people like and what they don't like. And we do the things they like, and try to avoid the things they don't like.



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And you should see scene when you're playing, you check in or you communicate with your, from it from a top standpoint, I'm always checking in with my submissive, even, you know, throughout the scene to make sure that even though we've negotiated beforehand that we're going to go in this direction, throughout the scene, everything's going okay. I mean, her, she could, at any given time, have, you know, one day be able to take a lot more than she will the next day. And it can be almost the exact same scene. So you always have to communicate throughout the scene, you know, in addition to communicating beforehand, so that it's it's fulfilling, seen on both sides. What do



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you have to communicate with the people you're playing with, on any potential medical problems they may be having, if they're diabetic, and you're playing with them, and they pass out on you, you're gonna have a problem, it would be nice to be open with these people in

come out and ask him, do you have heart problems, high blood pressure, then we can't suspend you upside down, there are certain things we cannot do to you if you have certain medical problems. Yes. So communication is really important.



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That's the one thing about people in this type of lifestyle, you'll find that they are more open, they're more honest, and they communicate much better than you do in the vanilla world. You have to have to, in order to, to accept this part of your sexuality, there has to be an openness about it.



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And it's an area this is a world in which one should never make assumptions about anything. Absolutely. You know, you will see a very large man being led in on a leash by a very petite woman. People that you might think are the dominance may in fact actually be the submissive and vice versa.



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may change the next night. And



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occasionally it changes that's exactly right. It's of no consequence whether you're gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgendered, none of the above all of the above, it makes no difference. This it's a very differently that I There are very few places that I know you can go in. None of that stuff matters. It just is of no consequence.



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And I want vanilla people to know that they can learn a lot from SNM people. Yes, because I learned I learned the art of negotiation through learning about SNM. And it saved a wonderful save the vacation with my lover and I. Victor, I wanted to ask you what your group was doing with education?



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Well, basically, we're finding out that a lot of people that come to us are surging, s&m at home, and they're doing it with the wrong type of equipment. I have no idea that you don't start hitting them with the whip on your partner, because that's not how you do it. But they saw it in a movie somewhere really closer and now their partner doesn't want to have anything to do with s&m because they're getting the daylights beat out of with the wrong implement. Right?

So our group is here to find things like that and correct him. I mean, if you're wanting to do something. These are the tools that you use are just a little bit more technical. We spend a lot of time just discussing those types of aspects with our members.



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And their and these people are actually outside of Houston. And we s&m is not just Houston, right? It's all



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over everywhere. For sure in Houston. That's why we have to travel. Right, Travis?



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Actually, we started our group because we didn't want to come up here. And now you see where we're at. Right? Yeah,



Sarah DePalma 10:29

exactly. I say that because there are a lot of people who think that s&m is just a big city thing. Oh, no, no, of course, that's not true at all, you know, to think it's like an urban phenomenon. I want them to know that if you're in Huntsville, or if you're in orange, or if you're,



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if you're in Galveston, we're down there honest.



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Yeah, I have a lot of, I work in a fetish oriented store. And I'm a lot of mostly men, that will ask me, How can I get my wife interested in this, and I, and I've probe a little and see, you know, and a lot of these men have already tried in their own way to get them, these women involved, and they've just been, they've gone about it the wrong way. They've been too pushy. They've been to, I want you to beat me. And the women have gone. Hello, I just can we quit paying these bills first. And the women I'll usually try, but they a lot of times, and there's a lot of books and stuff out there on beginning slowly and doing it together a lot of times. You know, this is stereotyping, of course, but a lot of a lot of men like to jump head in, you know, to whatever and are very, they're almost in a weird way. Or funny way fun way Daredevil's women tend to be a little more cautious and want to want to test it out slowly. And my advice to those those men is always go back to square one with them and learn together, don't try to, to read and teach and drag her into this go back and learn together as as lovers as something that will only

enhance your sex life. Or, or your your lives together, not, you know, something that you need and she has to fulfill for you tends to be very destructive. And can can meet be more more negative than positive

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clay, you're with the group called arrows. And as I recall, weren't you with another group before that? That was also very much into education.

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Right? We were here once before. Yeah, a few months ago. We had sort of a split off from the group. It got more commercial than what we were interested in. Okay. We didn't want to keep it on a commercial basis. We kept it on a social type thing. That was really the only difference of opinion in there. Everything else was pretty much the same.

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Sorry, you're still continuing the education. Oh, yes, I

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heard every week. Yeah, we meet every Saturday. Wow, say no. And we can we combine the teaching with social we have like an hour class. And then everybody's there. Usually at least another hour after that, just talking and getting to know each other. And since we have parties twice a month, so you, you need more time to get to know people pretty quick. Wow. Since we don't we don't wait months, or quarterly parties or whatever we we need to get to know people fairly fast. And I think for especially for new people do like a meeting every week as to like meeting every week. We've been doing it for over a year.

S Sarah DePalma 13:41

Let's talk a little bit about the word fetish. I realize it probably has as many definitions as there are people. But I want to bring this up because one of the things I've noticed is that at every party we do, for a lot of people they're seeing is simply showing up to get an outfit. Exactly, you know, whether you're a crossdresser and this is your this is your chance to show up cross dressed or whether you're in LaTeX, or in a very expensive leather outfit. And I wanted to talk about that whole concept for a little bit because I think a lot of people don't realize that's available that it's not just a matter of coming in and and being whipped or bound but but that the world is very broad. And so I don't know Morgan, you want to start with that because I know I know you would love to Yeah, go ahead

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for a lot of people and a lot of people that I mean their first and initial impression of of s&m is the look. It's it's something that when they when they fantasize or they think about it, they have an image that's created in their heads of how it's supposed to look and how people are supposed to look on the receiving end as well as the giving and a lot of that look is the outfits that the people are wearing. And there's a lot of people, even even my mom, she doesn't realize she has a low Their fetish but can't stay out of North beat. Oh, she I think it's the smell. And I think she really has a leather fetish. She she'll never admit it. But there's certain things that draw people to certain pieces of clothing, how they feel, how they look how they they feel to touch, how they feel on the power that it gives you, when you put it on, there's, there's something very, for me, as a top. It's very exhausting to wear a corset and play, but I love it. And I will endure it because I love the way it looks. I love that the process that it takes to get into it, it's a, it's the preparation, almost putting on your armor and preparing for the scene. And it helps get you in a mindset that makes you feel very good about yourself. And if you like how you look, and the person that you're playing with, is excited by how you look, then that's the best way to start a scene and complete it. You know, when you look up, you see what is very appealing to you. Boots, and shoes are a completely different fetish in themselves. And then and then it just goes from there. I've there's, there are so many. As soon as I think I've got I've heard all of the fetishes. There's there's a new one comes at me It's amazing.

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Sarah DePalma 16:22

People should just look on the internet, there must be a link, there must be a list of 100 different fetishes. Some I've never heard of and don't quite understand. But there's a fetish for everybody. Well, surely you

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know that we have within the community, the Fetish community there are those that have parties that simply are I like to call them dressing parties. They have nothing to do with s&m People aren't going to get flogged, and they aren't going to get tied up. They're just going to dress Houston hosts every year. What's become an internationally famous one. It's a private party. It's called the Texas latex party. And it is absolutely a fabulous party that people will be coming from, from Europe and from New York and from California to it this year takes place in about a month from now. And there's no play there. But they're going to be the gosh darn most beautiful rubber and latex outfits and of interest to you there be transgender people that that they're seeing is they're going to have the highest high heels and the tightest corsets and the greatest wigs and they're gonna look better than any of the girls are going to look. That's the whole the whole thing is that fetish of how they look the dress.

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Well, that's, you know, and I want to talk about that because it leads into the whole idea of the s&m ball. And that's still a new concept for Houston. Why don't we talk about that a little bit?

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Well, the s&m ball, we've this is going to be the fifth one. This will it's going to be in about a

month and a half. The date is set for March 28. Right Saturday, the venue has moved. It's going to be at a place called Club Chicago, which is a little bit of a larger venue. We tend we there's been so many wonderfully enthusiastically kinky people in Houston. they've enjoyed coming to the balls in the past that we had to move it to a larger venue. The ball itself is wonderful because it gives people a fun, relaxed look at at s&m at other people who are somewhat like minded or curious, and an environment that they feel comfortable in. There's, you know, there's going to be bar people can drink which, in general in play, drinking is not really encouraged. But at the s&m ball, it's a very relaxed atmosphere. So there will be alcohol served. There's going to be scenes on stage, very elaborate scenes on the main stage. And then some wonderful scenes going on in different rooms. But all the different groups around the state. A lot of the Houston groups are going to have scenes going on all evening. And I think we've got several groups coming in from Austin and Dallas and San Antonio, who will be joining us this has become not only a Houston event but a statewide event to get everyone together. It's hopefully going to be very it's just growing maybe next time we'll we won't even be able to have it at clubs Chicago, it'll be so big. We're hoping. Wow. Really?



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Well, Morgan has kind of taken the bull by the horns on this ball. She's helped a little bit in the past. She's done the best scenes in the past balls, but she's helped planning a little bit but this year, she's kind of taking the bull by the horns and those of you who've been to the Paris balls, I think they've been wonderful, but come and see how what Morgan's doing this one is going to be really something special.



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There's going to be one thing that we're really excited about is there's going to be a very large vendors area, there's a lot more local and statewide s&m oriented, or fetish stores and vendors that are going to be coming in to introduce people to their, to their products, clothing, equipment. There's a couple of local designers that are going to have booths there. A lot of the different groups are going to have educational booths where they can, they can pass out literature. So it'd be a really great opportunity for people to, you know, get to know what's out there, what what their options are in their city, and here in Houston, and realize that there's not one avenue, there's several and there's something out there for everyone. Ticket prices are going to be 50 \$15. There's also going to be a band playing later on in the evening. An industrial fetish oriented band, so we're trying to you know, we're gonna diversify it a little bit and try to appeal to a more broad group of people. We really are hoping to have a lot more of the gay and transgender community come out we've got something tell them a little bit about the MCS that are there.



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The there's a wonderful gal who helped us emcee the MS. Tantra contest last summer, named Roxanne and Roxanne is going to be one of the MCS along with a special guest emcee the Reverend Cal Tippin, who's kind of a, an Elvis televangelist fellow. So that that'll be wonderful.

And the lady who won the MS Tantra event named Lorna, what just absolutely blew everybody away. She was as exciting a performer, as any s&m group has ever had the privilege of watching. She just absolutely blew the audience.



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On Track. She's going to, I'm sorry, I said and a drag queen, we might add,



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oh, she wanted a drag queen contest. And Miss Tantra was a drag queen kata. And it was absolutely incredible what she did with a riding crop and her tongue on stage. The audience wanted more. And the audience is going to get more because she's going to perform at the s&m ball too. But I just like to reiterate what Morgan said, if you're a little bit curious, and you think, Gee, I don't know that I want to go to a play party, or I don't even know that I want to go to a meeting of one of these groups. I just want to know if I think this is going to be fun. Pay 15 bucks go to the s&m ball. And if you don't have a great time, then then don't come back. But I think you're gonna have a great time. It is a wonderful, fun event.



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It's a great opportunity to get dressed up. If you've ever had an interest at all in PVC or leather or you've got some in your closet already. And you're not quite sure where to wear



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it or even lots of lace. Exactly. Lots



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and lots of maids turn up perhaps a little maid outfit. Yes,



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this it's a great opportunity, nobody's going to look down on you for dressing up, we encourage it. And if anything's gathering dust, it's a great time to pull it back out and give you a place to wear it.



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If you think you've got an interest in a kink you'll see one of just about everything.



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And it's it's a very it's a wonderful place to be to learn about other things to different organizations that are down there. There's it's a signpost for a lot of people to point them into the direction that they want to go.



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If you're intimidated by going to a large setting, and you would prefer to talk to one of the smaller groups. How do they reach Arrows?



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Arrows we meet every Saturday at rogered zone walk at noon. That's the easiest way to clue fantasies. Oh,



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that's 2020 10 Wha and how would they contact the bound collected?



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We meet every Sunday at 2pm at Reno's on i 45 That's the billiard hall that's next to you or in the Hooters Walmart Oh Fiesta area in Webster or you can visit our webpage and find out some interesting information about our group Are you sure



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you want to drive yes nm community down by meeting at a pool hall?



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Hold a whole new seminar on the what you do with a billiard cue. The tables are excellent.



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How did they get on your web page?



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Not the felt you got to feel the felt. Yeah, it



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sounds like the old Mary's.



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What did you say about the webpage?



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What is your dress?



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It's www dot c hyphen com dotnet. Backslash the hive. That's for the bound collective.



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Oh good.



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Let me throw in a plug on webpage. It's a real easy way to find out what's going on in Houston. There are two web pages that make it really easy. One is WWW dot Houston bdsm.com. I mean, that just tells you what it's about. It's used to BDSM and every one of the groups, the bound collective Houston pep arrows, and all of the other groups have pages within that page. So if you find that page you find out where you want to go, and it will take you to the other groups pages. The other there's a wonderful gentleman named Steven who has had a real connection to a valuable connection to the Houston scene and he has a page that is called Stephens BDSM page I believe it's www.sm A and



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Okay. www.sandm.com and it is the first page I mentioned is pretty much just a list of what's going on the what the clubs are and what events are happening you can find out about the ball and all the other events around Texas Stephens page is far more fascinating. It's got all kinds of

interesting things as well as an excellent calendar and a discussion of some of the groups so those two pages will take you to all the other club page



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you'll find that most of us that have the web page that organizations we all linked to each other so that we keep in contact to so if somebody goes gets to one they can get to all the others



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I sometimes forget some more elaborate website addresses and his is very easy to remember so I was go there and he's got wonderful links so you know any almost anywhere you want to go you can get to right off of his site



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Morgan did you say you worked in the community?



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I work at a clothing a fetish store called dare Where do the buying for the store



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will you focus on in the long time we haven't had you focus on in a long time



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then a while the store is a lot different now it's we've got a very educated staff we've got some wonderful equipment we've got great literature books on every subject of all different types how to get how to get your partner interested all the way up to heavy play. We've got different flyers and stuff for the different groups we tend to be kind of the the Center for Communication in the group if you don't if you're not online and stuff we get calls all the time how do I get in touch with pap How do I get in touch with fist bound collective all the different groups and we we if we can't if we don't know then we know somebody who will know so we will get on the phone and we will call and we will find or try to help you find whatever information you need. And where are you located at 9019 Westheimer that's down going towards the beltway just pass fonder and the phone number there is 713-953-9393 We've got lots of great fetish wear and like said lots of equipment and all kinds of stuff for the s&m. All



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right, I'd like to kind of say something about them too. In every city there seems to be one or

maybe two vendors that really pay attention to the to the Fetish community and do so more than just to make money they give of themselves and their time and their effort. Houston's lucky we've got two of them. One is boots, leather by boots. That boots has done for 20 years or better and Houston boots is just a godsend to the Fetish community always has been. Delaware has been that way for the last several years. They are easily the most seen friendly of the Fetish wear stores other than boots. And they just do everything. Yes, you call them you say we need something they do. And they do it graciously and warmly. And they've been just the phone the phone number for the Fetish community for some period of time. We all appreciate it. Morgan Thank you



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Jonatha. If folks would like to attend one of the newbie functions for pap, how do they where are you meeting now?



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Yeah, the H pap newbie meets are held the third Saturday of every month at the Hacienda Mexican restaurant. That's on the corner of South Main and braise wood. Oh, yeah.



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Yeah, yeah.



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Just go up to the counter ask for H pap. And they'll point you at our group we we ask that for newcomers meetings at folks tone down their form of dress because that is a family restaurant. But usually we'll go



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it's not a Denny's though.



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They're never gonna live the Denny's down.



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We've had a lot of comments on that. So people are listening.

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And there also is a very nice group in Pasadena that is not here tonight called Gulf Coast pap, and pag pag right. And I believe they are also listed on the websites. So if you're down in the south side of the city or the southeast side of the city, and you're looking for some place to go pick up on one of these websites and you'll find the the link for Peggy's Wells was I want to thank everybody very much I know that it's late. But I felt like this was a real good opportunity to educate people about s&m a little bit, find out that there are organizations, not just Houston, but in Galveston County and elsewhere, that it's not as people had been led to believe by watching, you know, Jerry Springer. And that they should feel free to contact any of the organizations if they just want to learn about safety, or etiquette, or just whatever it is. And it doesn't matter whether you're gay or lesbian or transgendered, or none of the above. They're open to to anyone, right? You know, it's a great resource. You'd

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really take advantage. We're friendly people too. We're really good people to get to know. Yes, I agree

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with that. I really do. Laureen I've made a lot of really good friends that way. So yeah, I agree. Thank you very much for coming in.

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Thanks for having

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you're listening to after hours on KPFT Houston and ke O 's College Station.

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Yes, it's Mardi Gras time again. And if you can be in New Orleans Tuesday morning, February 24. Join the Indian Princess Mary. That's me. And Big Cheese galley boy special Mardi Gras edition as Mary in the morning.

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We'll be playing all your Mardi Gras favorites like Iko Iko. Hey, Paki way. And of course, big.



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Remember, February 24. Six to 8am Mardi Gras morning on KPFT 90.1 FM and don't forget to call in sick last la Bonton



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specimen gathering mission on Planet alpha 177



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Mr. Spock is much stronger than the ordinary human being aroused his great physical strength could kill itself risk after



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something bothering humans as



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I say that I have not thoroughly enjoyed serving with humans. I find their illogic and foolish emotions constantly urgent.



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Unlike you We humans are full of unpredictable emotions. Love



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tenderness Yes. Yes.



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If I seem insensitive to what you're going through, I understand it's the way I am. I don't

if i seem insensitive to what you're going through captain i understand it's the way i am don't
be afraid here's my head You are beautiful more beautiful than

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any dream of beauty I've ever known. What is your point Mr. Spock?

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I can love you

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just make your mind prospect appeared quite attractive to you.

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You don't really want to hurt me but that thing away? No I don't think so. Oh it's painless and quick

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hospital they may have hit the wrong entry point. Yes, very well. cry again. pleases you while you're waiting for hurry if you'll excuse the intrusion captain.

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bury the hatchet and appropriate choice of terms Captain

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tide hands off just keep away

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yeah green



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No, wait by all right captains.



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I have to take



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him back. inside myself.



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I can't survive without them.



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I don't want to take them back. It's like an animal. A thoughtless, brutal animal.



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thing can go anywhere. You've not yet explained the nature of this thing. She's a projectile at one night get below take command is beauty



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a week I am substantial. You are not imagining this



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are we doing to



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the result of stress we've



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~~been under stress before~~

⌚ 35:00 possible I'm a Vulcan

⌚ 35:05 on a simpering Delaware to free his father was a computer and his mother and encyclopedia

⌚ 35:11 and behaving disgracefully. I have eaten animal flesh, and I've enjoyed it.

⌚ 35:16 Believe it was painful in more ways than one. Supplements I've seen upon myself no man should ever see.

⌚ 35:32 Thank you, Mr. Spock.

⌚ 35:35 From both of us

⌚ 35:45 and now it's time for the news with big Roy and Michelle.

⌚ 35:51 Can evening grayling. We're gonna do this a little bit different than normal. So get your pens and papers out now because we're going to do the Public Service Announcement type stuff right from the beginning. The first thing I wanted to lead off with Oberoi is that, remember, back on January 24, we mentioned about the HMOs. Oh, yeah, where are the people with AIDS are going to be put into one of four HMOs. They have until March 1 to make a decision. And definitely, that's two weeks away. Right. Now, the thing that I found, and I just wanted to mention this to everybody is in outsmart in both the January and February issues. There was there were two really good articles on how one might choose which HMO they want to join. So there's a little bit of a direction. Oh, yeah. Now we finally found great, that was the one thing

we we weren't able to tell people. I was really concerned about that so outsmart the January issue and the February issue that can be found all over. I mean, even the January issues are still out there. I know Suzanne Anderson's has back issues, chances SBAC issues. You can get them at the voice Officer 811 Westheimer. Charlie's has back issues, a lot of them carry the back issues.

 Roy 37:11

The current Issue picked up at Kroger that monitors with toddler That's correct.

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Okay, so that's that's a good one. Okay, now, we're gonna do some some Olympic stuff next.

 Roy 37:23

Yeah, you know, keeping pace with the Olympic spirit. Here we got I want to talk about for a moment here, the Montrose ice picks. Now this is a gay group and a gay lesbian, bisexual transgender group. And they skate every Sunday at the Galleria ice skating rink, at 5pm. And to get more information just called 713-629-1432. That's six to 914 32.

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Okay, that sounds like fun. Oh, it

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is lots of fun. Yeah,

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I like falling on my tush. Ah, oh, I wanted to mention to everybody that Houston's own Scott Kennedy has got a big time gig. He's really Yeah, he's one of 25 Stand up. comedians who have been invited to perform at the US Comedy Arts Festival in Aspen, Colorado. Oh, local boy makes big. That's it. March 4 to eighth is when they're going to do it. It's being run by HBO. So we want to be eventually on the airwaves. Scott is a local boy from Houston. He's also a member of Q patrol and has done many benefits for the community benefiting que patrol and many many other organizations at the last stop and that's where he usually performs with some with things been called gala palooza.

 Roy 38:47

Okay, yeah, great. Now we got a, an item here, which may seem like it's a little bit early to talk

about, because it's going to happen in October. However, for those of you who have vacation time coming up, you might want to schedule your vacation for the week of October 5 through the 11th because there is going to be crossing the state on a bicycle. Bicycle, right, and it's a fundraiser. It's a fundraiser for AIDS, you know, benefiting 40 Different aid services in organizations throughout the Great Lone Star state of Texas.

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I don't know if I click bicycle that far. Well,

Roy 39:33

this is going to be an incredible seven day event that's going to go from Austin to Houston and Dallas. And it's going to have nearly 2000 other Texans who've never done anything like this before and in their lives, and it's going to be quite something else. Like I said the proceeds of the event will assist Texas Texans living with AIDS, and it's going to help educate the state, especially young people to prevent the further spread of the disease. Now you will go on at your own pace as quickly or as leisurely as you like. The ride isn't just for athletes, and it's gonna have people from all different ages and all different walks of life are going to be in there. There's going to be grandmothers, people in their 60s 70s, couples, families, partners, teams, or co workers and a lot of other people just like you. Oh, yeah. And like you said that you never thought that you could ride that far? Well, from where you stand today, you may not think you can do this. But the truth is, that's how most people feel when they register. And most people don't even own a bike. And they do have an in depth training manual and organized rides throughout the year that's going to help develop and strengthen your you and your stamina and you'll be able to meet others are doing this extraordinary event, just like yourself, and everything is going to be just about taken care of there's going to be hot showers, they're going to have hot catered breakfast, his dinners, our free lunch, great bag lunches, there's going to be trans free transportation for your gear, five daily water and snack stops, nightly entertainment, nightly volunteer Chiropractic and Massage service services. I mean, you know, after peddling all that, you're gonna need that massage, let me tell you, and it's going to be medical teams, and tech support all throughout the whole thing. And what you need to do is call this number, it's a toll free number 888780 R I D, that's 888780 R I D, and it's going to go it's gonna go for 575 miles for seven days, from October 5 to the 11th. And go go from Austin to Houston, up to the big D up to the big Dallas. And you can call for that free color brochure. And they're going to tell you everything that you need to know even if you don't own a bike. Okay, so and we will be mentioning this throughout the year and I myself will have vacation time coming up during then. And I think I made this

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good. I wanted to give a few things out here the next caps meeting that's Texas Association for transsexual support will be on February 27 at 7pm it Stephanie's for more information area code 713-827-5913. That's 8275913 the Gulf Coast transgender community next Ultra meeting will be this Thursday, February 18. That chances between seven and 8:30pm Westheimer at Wall drive for more information area code 713-780-4282. That 780 GCTC. And helping crossdressers anonymous meets every Tuesday between seven and 9pm. At Susan Anderson's

at three to nine Westheimer the place where they have the bid find our rainbow flag. And we have we have one other piece of transgendered news that we want to mention about the Unity banquet. Hello,



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my name is Vanessa Edwards Foster. I am the representative of Gulf Coast transgender community and I on behalf of the group I am proud to announce this year's unity banquet will be held May 9 at Rivas restaurant on the corner of Missouri and Yocom. Once again, that's May 9, we have not set the dollar amount yet, but in the ticket prices are likely going to be \$14 or under. It will not be over \$14. Once again, this is Saturday, May 9, and we're looking forward to a very good unity banquet this year and invite everyone in the transgendered community to come out and participate. Hello further transgenders



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that is fine as well.



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I'll bring you all right. Yeah. So we'll do be mentioning this. between now and May 9. Again, you can get your tickets through your organization's



Roy 44:20

now you know, last week we mentioned about the health department or some group wanting to last names.



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Yeah, that was for Texas Department of Health was was having a meeting right was this Thursday at 12.



Roy 44:37

Right. And well, we have with us tonight Scott, who attended that meeting and Scott give us a briefing as to what happened.



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Okay, well, the meeting was at the West Houston service center on heights Boulevard between Washington and I 10. It was a series of four town meetings held by the Texas Department of Health on listing an option for named HIV testing. The purpose for offering the option was the

TDH wants to get more accurate counts of who is getting tested who Cyril converting to positive and who has gone to full blown AIDS to take a look at what type of reallocation of funds into better what type of reallocation of funds they need to make into better asks the federal government for more accurate sums of money. So basically, they're looking for more accuracy of statistics to make sure that they get the money they need, in order to provide services for HIV positive and aids communities.

 Roy 45:49

How's the response of the people that attended that meeting?

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The response of the people who attended the meeting was fairly negative. I was there to hear about 2025 Different people speak of their own opinions and of the opinions of the organizations that were representing. And I think only two or three actually responded in favor of the name testing.

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What was the major objection to HIV names?

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The major objection was the fear that it would cause not necessarily not necessarily within the gay community but out