Finding Aid

SHELIX
BSDM Support Group for Women and Trans Folk (1983-1996)
All materials are on Shelix and regarding Shelix (in addition to various other SM groups who had correspondence with Shelix).

All Materials donated by Bet Power, SHELIX's founder

Box 1: Shelix Newsletters, fliers, meeting notes, as well as materials obtained from other SM groups and sexual minorities groups during Shelix's time

Section A: Shelix Newsletters divided into monthly folders of meetings (1983-1996)

Folder 1. **November 1985 Newsletter**
Folder 2. Announces next Shelix meeting to be on 11/20/85 to discuss 'Safety'
Folder 2. **December 1985 Newsletter**
Folder 2. Announces the next meeting to be on 12/16/85 to discuss "SM and Who We Are: Why do we top? Why do we bottom? Or, why do we switch?"
a. Announces that the discussion meetings will not be separate from workshops/demonstrations
Folder 2. **January 1986 Newsletter**
Folder 2. Announces next meeting to be on 1/22/86 to discuss "The Many Facets of SM"
Folder 2. **February 1986 Newsletter**
Folder 2. Announces next meeting to be on 2/19/86 to discuss "Gender Identification/Identities"
Folder 2. **March 1986 Newsletter**
Folder 2. Announces next meeting to be on 3/13/86 to discuss "Opening the Heart with SM"
b. Announces that Shelix now has a PO Box and is now having correspondence with various SM publications
c. Announces that LOGS will not run information about Shelix (because it is an SM group) but various members oppose this unjust censorship
Folder 2. **April 1986 Newsletter**
Folder 2. Announces next meeting to be on 4/24/86 to discuss "SM Sex Parties and Having Them in the Northampton Area"
d. Announces a group fieldtrip on 4/18/86 to 'Bookends' which is an adult bookstore and sex shop in CT
e. Announces that the Valley Women's Voice published an announcement about Shelix, that Shelix has business cards now, and that Shelix will also send an advert to the Gay Community news on a monthly basis
Folder 2. **May 1986 Newsletter**
Folder 2. Announces next meeting to be on 5/15/86 to discuss "Cutting/Marking" and "AIDS/Safe Sex"
f. Announces a Shelix outing to the Lesbians of Greater Springfield/F.L.O.W.E.R. at the Frontier, and that members are encouraged to dress up in leather, lace, or costumes
Folder 2. **July 1986 Newsletter**
Folder 2. Announces next meeting to be on 7/10/86 to discuss "Fantasies" and that a requirement of attending this meeting is a written out fantasy of 50 words or more
g. Newsletter reiterates that the meetings are chem.-free and are confidential
h. Newsletter includes a reminder about fees for newsletter ($2)

Folder 2. **September 1986 Newsletter**

Folder 2. Announces next meeting to be on 9/18/86 to discuss "Sexual SM vs. Non-Sexual SM or 'Genital SM vs. Non-Genital SM' or 'Orgasmic SM vs. Non-Orgasmic SM'

i. Reiterates that the meetings are chem.-free and confidential
j. Announces that in order to attend the meeting, you either have to be invited by a member or first talk to Bet
k. Announces that newsletter fees are due ($2)
l. Includes a separate piece of paper (both in Newsletter and in folder) which announces Mary Frances will bring questionnaires to the September meeting that people are welcome to fill out, and that results will go to a Lesbian psychiatrist who is in the SM community
m. Also announces that Bet will host a lecture/workshop at Hampshire College titled "SM: Oppression & Affirmation" at the "Celebrating Our Unity & Diversity Conference"

Folder 2. **October 1986 Newsletter**

Folder 2. Announces the next meeting to be on 10/16/86 to discuss "Fantasies"

n. Reiterates that meetings are chem.-free and confidential, and that in order to attend a meeting, you have to call Bet first
o. Announces that Bet is hosting a lecture/workshop at Hampshire College: 'SM: Oppression and Affirmation (Or, Don't Close the Closet Door Just Because There's Leather Inside)" which is part of the "Celebrate Our Unity & Diversity Conference"

Folder 2. **November 1986 Newsletter**

Folder 2. Announces next meeting to be on 11/13/86 to discuss "Safe Words"

p. Reiterates that the meetings are chem.-free and confidential and that individuals who wish to attend a meeting for the first time need to first contact Bet.
q. Reiterates that Bet is the only one who is allowed to top in the dungeon during the meeting
r. Announces a Lesbian Leather night for Shelix members at the So. Hadley club on 11/15/86
s. Announces that there will be workshops on SM and Butch-Fem at the Lesbian Convergence on 11/22/86

Folder 2. **December 1986 + January 1987 Newsletter**

Folder 2. Announces next meeting to be on 12/11/86 to discuss "SM in our Childhoods and Adolescences"

t. Reiterates that Bet is the only one who is allowed to top in the dungeon during the meeting
u. Announces a second Lesbian Leather night for Shelix members on 12/13/86
v. Announces that the group wants to play 'In the Manner of the Word' but more people need to show up in order to play, so bringing a girlfriend to the next meeting is encouraged

Folder 2. **January 1987 Newsletter**

Folder 2. Announces next Shelix meeting to be on 1/8/87 to discuss "Show and Tell Fantasies"

w. Announces a reminder that the meeting is substance free and chem.-free and that people need to gain Bet's approval before attending the meeting for the first time
x. Encourages people to become more involved in Shelix and volunteer more in the group
y. Second sheet of paper is the December newsletter with notes all over it that change various things and have more notes in order to modify it into the January newsletter

Folder 2. **February 1987 Newsletter**

Folder 2. Announces next meeting to be on 2/12/87 to discuss "Learning How to Top/Learning How to Bottom"

z. Reiterates that Bet is the only one who is allowed to top in the dungeon during the meeting and that the Shelix safe word is 'Shelix'
aa. Announces that the safe space during the meeting is the entire downstairs of the house (first and second floors) and that the attic is the play space
bb. Announces that Shelix needs to raise more money in order to support the mailing
cc. Announces that the subscription fee will be raised from $2 to $5
dd. Announces that the next 'Leather Night' will be on 2/14/87 at The Pub in Springfield

Folder 2. April 1987 Newsletter

ee. Announces next Shelix meeting for 4/2/87 to discuss "Solo S/M"

ff. Also notes Spring Subscriptions as needing to be renewed with attached Mailing List Subscription Coupon

Folder 2. May 1987 Newsletter with Rules of Shelix attached

gg. Begins with "The Purpose of Shelix"

hh. Announces next meeting to be on 5/14/87 to discuss "Limits:"

ii. Announces showing on 5/23/87 of movie "9-1/2 Weeks"

jj. Announces Women's Leather Night at the Quarry at the Pub on 6/13/87

kk. Announces opening of Shelix Bank Account

ll. Announces the stealing of Shelix Mailing List by previous member

mm. Announces availability of "The Outcast Newsletter" at Shelix Meetings

nn. Attached to Newsletter (in folder) is the "Shelix Meeting Rules"

oo. Also in Folder is handwritten outline of May 87 newsletter written by Bet, as well as a copy of the Newsletter with notes by Bet on it

Folder 2. June 1987 Newsletter

pp. Announces next meeting to be on 6/18/87 to discuss "Sharing Our S/M Experiences"

qq. Announces Women's Leather Night on 6/13/87 at the Pub

rr. Announces that "S/M Dykes" (a London S/M Support Group) has a newsletter which will be able to be read at Shelix Meetings, and

ss. Also included in Newsletter (but not in folder) is the Shelix Group Rules

Folder 2. July 1987 Newsletter

tt. Announces next meeting to be on 7/11/87 to discuss "S/M Coming Out Stories"

uu. Announces that Shelix is now subscribed to the Eulienspiegel Society newsletter which will be available to read at meetings

vv. Also included in folder is Bet's handwritten draft of July 87 Newsletter

Folder 2. August 1987 Meeting Minutes

ww. Viewing of Voyeuristic movies, "Shadows" and "Penthouse"

xx. Includes announcement of new art exhibit, "Prostitutes, Biker Women & Leatherdykes" by Yohah Ralph

yy. Also announces End of Summer Party at Bet's House where there will be swimming, movie viewings, and a trip to downtown Northampton

zz. Also included is a flyer for movie viewings of "Pain & Pleasure" "Turnabout" and "Taught to Obey," schedules for 10/29/87

Folder 2. September 1987 Newsletter

aaa. Announces meeting on 9/26/87 for viewing of "BurLEZk Live!"

bbb. Announces Banner Making for S/M Leather Contingent of the National March on Washington for Lesbian & Gay Rights on 10/11/87, with banner making on 9/27/87 and 10/4/87

ccc. Also included in folder is Bet's handwritten draft of newsletter

Folder 2. October 1987 Newsletter

ddd. Announces next meeting to be on 10/17/87 to discuss "Setting up a Scene/Getting Consent"

Folder 2. November 1987 Newsletter

eee. Announces next meeting on 11/7/87 to discuss "Pain" and "Psychological S/M"

fff. Announces another viewing of "BurLEZk Live!" to be on 11/21/87

ggg. Also in folder is Bet's handwritten draft of newsletter

Folder 2. December 1987 Meeting

hhh. Announces next meeting on 12/12/87 where theme will be "Fantasy Night"

iii. Announces new S/M Journal, "The Sandmutopia Guardian and Dungeon Journal" where Shelix will regularly publish a group listing/advert

jjj. Also included in folder is Bet's handwritten draft of newsletter

Folder 2. January 1988 Meeting

kkk. Announces next meeting on 1/16/88 to discuss "S/M 201: Physical & Sexual Safety in Lesbian S/M" with a presentation by Bet Power.

lll. Announces February's discussion topic to be "Emotional & Psychic Safety in Lesbian S/M"

mmm. Announces that Shelix was invited to become an associate member group of the National Leather Association, which includes a small yearly due but has the benefits of being a part of the group and the ability to include National Leather Association's logo on Shelix's materials.

nnn. Also included in folder is Bet's handwritten draft of the newsletter

Folder 2. February 1988 Newsletter

ooo. In first version, Announces next meeting on 2/27/88 to discuss "Emotional and Psychic Safety in Lesbian S/M"

ppp. Second version has same information as first, but also announces that Shelix will be represented by Outcasts a the Dallas Planning Conference

Folder 2. March 1988 Newsletter

qqq. Announces next meeting on 3/26/88 to discuss "I Left My Mark in San Francisco Bet Power's Recent Adventures in the Bay Area Lesbian S/M Scene

rrr. Announces that Spring Subscriptions need to be renewed and includes Shelix coupon to be mailed in with subscription fee

sss. Also included in folder is Bet's handwritten draft of newsletter

Folder 2. April 1988 Newsletter

ttt. Announces next meeting to be on 4/16/88 to discuss "How Hot Is Your Ink?"

uuu. Announces that Shelix will no longer declare itself to a "Northampton Lesbian S/M Support Group" but instead will be a "Western New England Woman-to-Woman S/M Support Group" in an effort to be more inclusive

vvv. Announces that Shelix needs 2 coordinators to assist with Shelix

www. Announces seminar by Bet Power called "S/M Liberation: Up From the Underground" at Wesleyan University on 4/22/88. Free event.

xxx. Announces attachment of letters to the editor in Sojourner that is of interest to the group

yyy. Included in folder (and attached to newsletter) is a letter to the editor by Bet regarding his picture printed (without his name) in the newspaper and also a response by Lynn Christiansen about S/M being violence and not something that to be proud of. Original as well as copies are included.

zzz. Included in folder (and attached to newsletter) is a letter by Bet to Sojourner regarding S/M and its perception by the public as violent. Original as well as copies are included.

aaaa. Also included is Bet's handwritten draft of the newsletter, as well as a copy of the newsletter with edits.

Folder 2. May 1988 Newsletter

bbbb. Announces next meeting to be on 5/14/88 where there will be a viewing of "International Ms. Leather Contest, 1987" and "Sections from International Ms. Leather Contest, 1988"

cccc. Announces Northampton Lesbian & Gay Pride March on 5/14/88

dddd. Also includes Bet's handwritten draft of newsletter

Folder 2. June 1988 Newsletter

eeee. Announces next meeting to be on 6/18/88 to discuss "My Perfect Scene"

ffff. Also included is Bet's handwritten draft of the newsletter

Folder 2. July 1988 Newsletter

gggg. Announces next meeting to be on 7/9/88 to discuss "Public Sex"

hhhh. Announces attachment of a statement from the New Alexandria Lesbian Library about The Lesbian Calendar's "recent refusal to publish news and announcements from Shelix" on the basis of the group's BSDM natural.

iiii. Also in folder is a letter from the New Alexandria Lesbian Library about the censorship by The Lesbian Calendar of BSDM material and how non-inclusive the organization is.

Folder 2. August 1988 Newsletter

jjjj. Announces next meeting to be on 8/6/88 to discuss "Erotic Piercing: How and Why, Safely"

kkkk. Announces attachment to the newsletter of an updated copy of Shelix's group rules, which have been updated to reflect the current 'turf war' situation occurring with Urania

llll. Announces that on 9/15/88 there will be a S/M Liberation Panel presentation at the Universalist Church on Main Street in Northampton, hosted by the Valley Gay Alliance

mmmm. Included in the folder is the draft of this newsletter, not handwritten by Bet

nnnn. Also included in the folder is the Shelix Meeting Rules (Summer 1988).

oooo. Also included in the folder is Bet's handwritten draft of the newsletter

Folder 2. September 1988 Newsletter

pppp. Announces next meeting to be on 9/10/88 where there will be showings of clips from "Clips" "International Ms. Leather Contest 1987 and "Sections from International Ms. Leather 1988."

qqqq. Announcement of Bet Power's speech on "S/M Liberation: Up from the Underground" at the Valley Gay Alliance.

rrrr. Has a thank you for everyone who attended August 1988's meeting.

ssss. Announces that Shelix is an affiliate member of the National Leather Association.

tttt. Included in folder is Bet's handwritten draft of the newsletter as well as two other drafts of the newsletter, but in printed form.

uuuu. Attached to newsletter and included in folder is a letter from the NLA welcoming Shelix, as well as a listing of affiliates of the NLA, and an announcement by the NLA about the Living in Leather III National Conference on October 7-10, 1988.

Folder 2. **October 1988 Newsletter**

Folder 2. Announces that the next meeting will be on 10/15/88 to discuss "Being Who We Want to Be, with S/M"

vvvv. Announces that at the Lesbian Convergence in Hartford CT (on October 1) there will be workshops, particularly one about Shamanic S/M, which will be led by Bet Power.

wwww. Included in flyer (and in folder) is a submission guideline for the Lesbian Sexual Fiction Anthology.

xxxx. Included in folder is Bet's handwritten draft of the newsletter, as well as a typed draft

Folder 2. **November 1988 Newsletter**

Folder 2. Announces the next meeting to be on 11/19/88, where the theme will be "S/M Video and Social Night" where there will be a viewing of "Journey Into Pain" and "Clips"

yyyy. There are two types drafts included in the folder, in addition to Bet's handwritten draft of the newsletter.

Folder 2. **December 1988 Newsletter**

Folder 2. Included is only Bet's handwritten draft of the newsletter. No printed, finalized version is included.

Folder 2. January 1989 Newsletter

zzzz. Announces next meeting to be on 1/14/89 to discuss "Blood Sports," there was also a viewing of "Vamp"

aaaaa. Shelix announces that it will now publish personals (personal adverts of people seeking a partner(s))

bbbbb. Announcement of meeting in NYC by the Gay Male S/M Activists titles "Staying Together." Meeting will be open to gay S/M women as well.

ccccc. Announcement of "On Our Backs" January publication which will include an article by Bet Power titled "Public Sex"

ddddd. Attached to newsletter and in folder is an example of a personal advert that Shelix will accept

eeeee. Included in folder is Bet's handwritten draft for this newsletter. Also the typed drafts of the newsletter and the personal example.

Folder 2. February 1989 Newsletter

fffff. Announces that the meeting will be on 2/11/89 to discuss "Protesting Censorship"

ggggg. Announces the closing of Womonfyre Books

hhhhh. Announcement of meeting in NYC by the Gay Male S/M Activists titles "Staying Together." Meeting will be open to gay S/M women as well.

iiiii. Announcement of attachment of "Lesbian Sex and Aids" flyer to this newsletter and event for this in Hartford on 2/12/89, which will include a panel or 4 women (Bet Power will be on that panel).

jjjjj. Attached to newsletter and included in folder is an article titles "On Our Backs Protested at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst.

kkkkk. In Folder is a template of a letter by Bet about advertising Shelix

llll. Included in folder is Bet's handwritten draft of this newsletter, as well as the original copies for the newsletter and the attached article.

Folder 3. March 1989 Newsletter

mmmmm. Announces the next meeting will be on 3/11/89 and it will be a "Fetish Show & Tell".

nnnnn. Included in the newsletter is a comment about the article written by Bet Power for On Our Backs and how the version published was a 'vastly vanilla-ized' version of the original and that attached to this newsletter is the original (original not included in folder).

ooooo. Included in folder is Bet's handwritten draft of the newsletter as well as a typed draft

Folder 4. **April 1989 Newsletter**

Folder 5. Folder only consists of typed draft of newsletter.

ppppp. Announces next meeting to be on 4/??/89 (announces it to be on a Saturday but does not provide a date) to discuss the "The 3rd Annual International Ms. Leather Contest Weekend"

qqqqq. Announces that Pat Califia will be speaking at Wesleyan University on 4/17+18/89

rrrrr. Announces the NYC Lesbian & Gay Pride Parade to be in March and attachment of letter about becoming involved in parade

sssss. Announces that Shelix needs help with production of a informational/educational flier about anti-porn censorship

Folder 6. May 1989 Newsletter

ttttt. Announces next meeting to be on 5/13/89 to discuss "Worship"

uuuuu. Announces inclusion of a flier to the newsletter about "Fire and Power," a pro-sex, pro-S/M conversation. Also attached is fact sheet on why Womonfyre Books closed.

vvvvv. Included in folder is a letter from Bet to the Community Events Editor to include information about the May meeting in a May Calendar.

wwwww. Included in folder is Bet's handwritten draft for the May newsletter. There is also a typed draft included in the folder.

Folder 7. June 1989

xxxxx. Announces next meeting to be on 6/10/89 to view woman-to-woman S/M videos.

yyyyy. Attached to the newsletter (and included in the folder) is a copy of the Outcast's safety guidelines for S/M.

zzzzz. Announces that next month's newsletter there will be a reminder to pay annual dues in order to continue receiving newsletter.

aaaaaa. Included in folder is Bet's handwritten draft of the newsletter.

Folder 8. July 1989 Newsletter

bbbbbb. Announces next meeting to be on 7/8/1989 to discuss "Rewards and Punishments."

cccccc. Announces that annuals fees are due to continue staying on mailing list as a subscriber for the newsletters.

dddddd. Also included in the folder is Bet's handwritten draft of the newsletter and what appears to be a misprint of the newsletter, and a printed draft

Folder 9. August 1989 Newsletter

eeeeee. Announces next meeting to be on 8/12/89 to discuss "S/M Fantasies/Practices in Childhood and Adolescence." Following the meeting, there may be a trip to 616 Club for dancing.

ffffff. Included attached to newsletter (and included in folder) is a flyer made by Julia/Kate Moran announcing a plan to alienate and perhaps be violent against any S/M women attending Michigan. It is attached to serve as a warning for Shelix members in order to prepare themselves for the attack on the S/M community.

gggggg. Also included in folder is Bet's handwritten draft of the newsletter.

Folder 10. September 1989 Newsletter

hhhhhh. Announces next meeting to be on 9/16/89 to view the S/M videos "Story of O" and scenes from "Hayfever"

iiiiii. Included in folder is typewritten draft of newsletter

Folder 11. October 1989 Newsletter

jjjjjj. Announces next meeting to be on 10/14/89 to discuss "Bondage and Full Body Bondage/Mummification." There will also be a demonstration of 'creative full body bondage' presented by Bet Power and slave/wife.

kkkkkk. Announces inclusion of two articles from Lesbian Connection and FTM about who started the Stonewall Riots (a leather female-to-male transvestite). Two articles are not included in folder. A typed draft of the newsletter is.

Folder 12. November 1989 Newsletter

llllll. Announces next meeting to be on 11/18/89 to discuss "Do It Yourself S/M."

mmmmmm. Announces art showing of Robert Mapplethorpe's "The Perfect Moment" at Wadsworth Athenaeum in Hartford, CT. Pictures included are of gay sex, S/M acts, nudity, and other controversial topics.

nnnnnn. Typed draft is included in folder.

Folder 13. December 1989 Newsletter

oooooo. Announces next meeting to be on 12/16/89 for an S/M Video Night where bondage and spanking videos will be watched.

pppppp. Announces that at December meeting there will also be grab bag (similar to a secret snowflake)

Folder 14. January 1990 Newsletter

qqqqqq. Announces next meeting to be on 1/20/90 to discuss "Hot Ways with Hot Wax"

rrrrrr. Also announces that a fund is being started to raise money for a Shelix Member whose house burned down on New Year's Eve.

ssssss. Three types drafts as well as Bet's handwritten draft are included in the folder

Folder 15. February 1990 Newsletter

tttttt. Announces next meeting to be on 2/24/90 to discuss "Whips, Cats and Crops."

uuuuuu. Announces that there will be a Northampton Pride March Meeting on March 15th at the Unitarian Church on Main Street in Northampton to discuss the bi-phobia and S/M phobia in the Northampton gay pride community

vvvvvv. Included in folder (and perhaps in Newsletter) is a reminder that guests cannot attend meetings without first having a phone conversation with Bet and gaining permission to attend.

wwwwww. Included in folder is Bet's handwritten draft of newsletter

Folder 16. March 1990 Newsletter

xxxxxx. Announces next meeting to be on 3/24/90 to view the movie "SALO, or the new 120 Days of Sodom."

yyyyyy. Included is an in-depth summary of movie.

Folder 17. May 1990 Newsletter

zzzzzz. Announces next meeting to be on 5/5/90 to discuss "Grand Scenes"

aaaaaaa. Explains that there was no April Newsletter because Shelix took a spring break, and that June's newsletter will have a due renewal notice (price is also being raised from $5 to $7)

bbbbbbb. Announces that Shelix and other groups have decided to boycott Northampton Pride March after it's overt acts of exclusion towards Bi individuals and individuals of other sexual minorities.

cccccccc. Announces attachment of two articles ("Who gets to belong in the lesbian community, anyway?" and a new policy statement from the owners of the Michigan Women's Music Festival about S/M women and activities at the event). The two articles are included in this folder.

ddddddd. Included in folder is Bet's handwritten draft of newsletter as well as a typed draft

Folder 18. July 1990 Newsletter

eeeeeee. Announces next meeting to be on 8/4/90 to view S/M videos. Also announces that there will not be a meeting in July, but instead two in August.

fffffff. Announces that subscriptions are due (and is increased from $5 to $7 with international from $10 to $15)

gggggggg. Also announces that attached to the newsletter is Bet Power's printed speech at the Boston Gay Pride Celebration on June 9, 1990. Also included is a copy of Shelix's letter to the Michigan Women's Music Festival in response to their new S/M-phobic policy.

hhhhhhh. Included in folder is Bet Power's printed speech, as an edited printed draft.

iiiiiii. Included in folder is Shelix's letter to the Michigan Women's Music Festival as well as a handwritten draft.

jjjjjjj. Included in folder is a printed draft of the July newsletter.

Folder 19. August 1990 Newsletter

kkkkkkk. Announces next meeting to be on 8/25/90 to discuss "Sensory Deprivation for Enhanced Fear, Control, and Excitement."

lllllll. Announces that this is the last Shelix newsletter that those who did not send in their fees will receive.

mmmmmmm. Included is a 'fuck you' to the Michigan 'Vanilla' Women's Music Festival

nnnnnnn. Included in folder is a typed draft of newsletter

Folder 20. September 1990 Newsletter

ooooooo. Announces next meeting to be on 9/29/90 to discuss "Sensory Deprivation for Enhanced Excitement, Control, and Fear" since the topic was not discussed at the second August Meeting due to cancellation of meeting.

pppppppp. Announces attachment of a letter by Mallory Crawford (a therapist in CT) that supports Shelix's letter to the Michigan Women's Music Festival.

qqqqqqq. Included in folder and newsletter is Mallory Crawford's response.

rrrrrrr. Included in folder is a typed draft of the newsletter

Folder 21. October 1990 Newsletter

sssssss. Announces next meeting to be on 10/20/1990 to view the movie "Lesbian Dildo Bondage." After viewing there will be an 'open demonstration.'

tttttt. Announces a new meeting format which is as such: Meeting runs from 8-10:30 PM, with 8-9 being discussion and/or video, 9-10:30 being open demonstration.

uuuuuuu. Included in folder is Bet's handwritten draft of the newsletter

Folder 22. December 1990 Newsletter

vvvvvvv. Announces next meeting to be on 12/29/90 to view a S/M video "Theatre of Seduction." Included is a summary of movie.

wwwwwww. Announces attachment of article by Pat Califia on lesbian battering in the S/M community to newsletter.

xxxxxxx. Also announces that the next women-only *LIPS* Dungeon party will be on 1/11/91 in Dorchester MA at a house.

yyyyyyy. Two full drafts are included, and no final version of newsletter.

zzzzzzz. Included in folder and in newsletter is the article by Pat Califia.

Folder 23. February 1991 Newsletter

aaaaaaaa. Announcing next meeting to be 2/23/91 to discuss "Whipping & Fisting…and How Far to Go."

bbbbbbbb. Announces a Lesbian S/M Gathering at the Lesbian Convergence in Manchester, CT, which will be facilitated by Bet Power. Registration for event is necessary.

cccccccc. Newsletter includes information on the Thunderhead raid in Boston and how to become involved in supporting the Dorchester S/M Community. Also announces attachment of one article by Mike Barnicle from the Boston Globe and an editorial from Bay Windows.

ddddddd. Included in folder and newsletter are the articles from the Boston Globe and Bay Windows.

eeeeeeee. Also included in the newsletter is information about the S/M Gathering at the Lesbian Convergence

ffffffff. A printed draft is included in folder, as well as Bet's handwritten draft

Folder 24. **March 1991 Newsletter**

Folder 25. Announces next meeting to be on 3/30/91 to view S/M videos and then discuss them

gggggggg. Announces that the Thunderhead Club needs donations to fund it's court case against the Boston Police

Folder 26. **April 1991 Newsletter**

Folder 27. Announces next meeting to be on 4/27/91 to discuss "The Use of Music in Scenes"

hhhhhhhh. Announces Northampton Lesbian, Gay & Bisexual Pride March to be on 5/4/91 and is also inclusive of sexual minorities

iiiiiiii. Announces a "Fetish Factor Party" in New York City, that on 5/10/91 there will be a Leatherdyke party at the Vault in NYC, that on 5/31/91-6/2/91 there will the Knights Tournament Three in Minneapolis, that on 7/12-14/91 there will be a S/M weekend in the Rockies hosted by the Colorado Outdoor Leather Dykes

Folder 28. **June 1991 Newsletter**

Folder 29. Announces next meeting to be on 6/22/91 to discuss "Emotional Limits' with demonstrations after

jjjjjjjj. Announces that Shelix is open to Lesbians, Bisexual Women, and transsexual Women (post-op) and transgenderists

kkkkkkkk. Announcement of attachment of 'Cool Sex' article to newsletter (not included in folder, but is included in B17)

llllllll. Announces various events in US for S/M fun

Folder 30. **October 1991 Newsletter**

Folder 31. Announces next meeting to be on 10/19/91 for an S.M Video night

mmmmmmmm. Announces that Shelix needs more financial support and donations

nnnnnnnn. Announces that that Laura Goodwin published an article on the S/M community which includes a photo of Bet Power

Folder 32. **November 1991 Newsletter**

Folder 33. Announces next meeting to be on 11/30/91, and instead of a discussion there will be a S/M holiday party with open demonstrations with a game of 'In the Manner of the World.'

oooooooo. Announces that it is subscription time and that dues are up.

pppppppp. Announces that a post-op, transsexual woman was expelled from the 1991 Michigan Festival. Attached to the newsletter (and included in the folder) is her response.

Folder 34. **December 1991 Newsletter**

Folder 35. Announces next meeting to be on 12/21/91 to discuss "Fantasy Into Action." There will be a discussion section with a following open demonstration section after.

qqqqqqqq. Announces that Shelix needs more financial support, and that donations are necessary for Shelix to continue.

Folder 36. January 1992 Newsletter

rrrrrrrr. Announces next meeting to be on 1/25/92 to discuss "The First Time Ever I Did A Scene."

ssssssss. Included in newsletter is a recap of December's meeting, where the theme was "Fantasy Into Action"

tttttttt. Included in newsletter is a note about Shelix's lack of funds and need for more.

Folder 37. February 1992 Newsletter

uuuuuuuu. Announces the next meeting to be on 2/29/92 to view S/M and Bondage and Discipline videos.

vvvvvvvv. Announces upcoming events related to S/M in New England Area

wwwwwwww. Included in folder is Bet's handwritten draft of newsletter

Folder 38. April 1992 Newsletter

xxxxxxxx. Announces that there will be no meeting in March, and that the next meeting will be on 4/25/92 to discuss "Humiliation."

yyyyyyyy. Announces list of S/M events coming up in the months of April, May, and September

zzzzzzzz. Included in folder is Bet's handwritten draft of newsletter

Folder 39. August 1992 Newsletter

aaaaaaaaa. Announces next meeting to be on 8/22/92 to discuss "The Care and Feeding of Leather."

bbbbbbbbb. Gives explanation for break from/lack of meetings and newsletters over the summer of 1992.

ccccccccc. Announces that the Oregon Citizen's Alliance has started an attack on individuals of sexual minorities and that support is necessary to fight against their cause.

ddddddddd. Included in folder is Bet's handwritten draft of newsletter.

Folder 40. September 1992 Newsletter

eeeeeeeee. Announces next meeting to be on 9/26/92 to view "Bathroom Sluts" and "Dress up for Daddy."

fffffffff. Includes a reminder that to attend a meeting, individuals first need to be in contact with Shelix and speak with Bet in order to gain approval for attending the meeting.

Folder 41. November 1992 Newsletter

ggggggggg. Announces next meeting to be on 12/5/91 to discuss Madonna's new book, "Sex," with also live reenactments of different photos.

hhhhhhhhh. Announces a S/M workshop at Smith College, which will be presented by Bet Power. It will be on 11/22/92 and will provide a look into the S/M community.

iiiiiiiii. Included in folder Bet's handwritten draft of newsletter.

Folder 42. January 1993 Newsletter

jjjjjjjjj. Announces next meeting to be on 1/16/93, which will be a "Show and Tell Night."

kkkkkkkkk. Announces that on 4/25/93 there will be a March on Washington with the S/M Leather-Fetish Contingent and also a National S/M Leather-Fetish Conference. Announces attachment of flier or event to newsletter (flier is not included in folder).

lllllllll. On the newsletter is a cartoon about S/M by Matt Groening.

mmmmmmmmm. Included in folder is Bet's handwritten draft of newsletter, as well as a typed draft and copy of Matt Groening's cartoon.

Folder 43. March/April Newsletter 1993

nnnnnnnnn. Note: The March newsletter was made into the April newsletter after the March meeting was canceled due to a snowstorm. Both versions are included in folder.

oooooooo. Edited version announces next meeting to be on 4/17/93 to discuss "Safety."

pppppppp. Announces event on 4/24/93: National S/M-Leather-Fetish Conference in Washington DC.

qqqqqqqqq. Announces on May 21-23 there will be a 'Knights Tournament Five' sponsored by the Knights of Leather.

rrrrrrrr. Included in folder is Bet's handwritten draft of March newsletter.

Folder 44. August 1993 Newsletter

ssssssss. Announces next meeting to be on 8/21/93 for a "Show and Tell." This will be the first meeting after Shelix's summer break.

tttttttt. Announces a new Alcoholics Anonymous meeting for S/M folks of all orientations, every Sunday in Northampton.

uuuuuuuuu. Announces a 12-step conference for S/M folk at the Holiday Inn in San Francisco.

Folder 45. September 1993 Newsletter

vvvvvvvvv. Announces next meeting to be on 10/2/93 where there will be a showing of "My Father is Coming."

wwwwwwwww. Newsletter includes a not about subscription price increasing from $7 to $10.

xxxxxxxxx. Also includes a not about "Female Misbehavior" which is a movie showing at Pleasant Street Theatre in Northampton.

yyyyyyyyy. Included in folder is Bet's handwritten draft of newsletter.

Folder 46. **November 1993 Newsletter**

Folder 47. Announces next meeting to be on 11/20/93 for a Demonstration Night in honor of Shelix's 10 year anniversary and that snacks/juice will be served

zzzzzzzzz. Announces that dues are up and that they are $10

Folder 48. **January 1994 Newsletter**

Folder 49. Announces next meeting to be on 1/22/94 and it will be a 'Demonstration for Beginners' night

aaaaaaaaaa. Announces that subscriptions are due and are $10

Folder 50. **March 1994 Newsletter**

Folder 51. Folder only included a typed draft of newsletter

bbbbbbbbbb. Announces that the next meeting will be on 3/19/94 (and that there was not a February meeting) to discuss "Play Piercing" with a demonstration by a piercing professional

cccccccccc. Includes a reminder about the S/M Leather Fetish Contingent for the International Leather Conference in NYC

Folder 52. **May 1994 Newsletter**

Folder 53. Announces a Shelix play party on 5/13/94 at Chaz's house instead of the normal meeting

Folder 54. **June 1994 Newsletter**

Folder 55. Announces that there will not be a Shelix meeting in June, but that the next meeting will be on 7/23/94 for a S/M Video Night

dddddddddd. Announces a play party hosted by the Lesbian Sex Mafia to be on 6/25/94 in NYC

Folder 56. **September 1994 Newsletter**

Folder 57. Announces the next meeting to be on 9/24/94 to discuss "Back to School"

Folder 58. **December 1994 Newsletter**

Folder 59. Announces next meeting to be on 12/17/94 to discuss 'Spontaneous Scenes'

Folder 60. October 1995 Newsletter

eeeeeeeeee. Announces next meeting to be on 10/21/95, which will be a Halloween Scene wear Play Party.

Folder 61. August 1996 Newsletter

fffffffff. Last newsletter

gggggggggg. Announces that Shelix is taking a break and unless donations and subscriptions are paid, Shelix will end.

Section B: Other Materials Regarding Shelix or by Shelix

Folder 1. "Shelix Record of Meetings"

a. Folder contains a typed list of first five meetings and what occurred at each, as well as a simple listing of the following meetings from July 1985-July 1989

b. Folder contains a handwritten list of the meetings, as well as various handwritten notes by Bet about Shelix.

1. Mailing List and Notes About Mailing List

c. Includes various versions of mailing lists dating from 87-96.

d. Includes list of addresses of NLA Affiliates

e. Includes various change of addresses slips from various members

f. Includes various notes with addresses on them, on various small pieces/slips of paper that have no date on them

1. Purpose of Shelix Pamphlets

g. First version of Purpose of Shelix with explanation below of what the name Shelix means. Shelix Meeting Rules (May 1987) are printed on back.

h. Second version of Purpose of Shelix with explanation below of what the name Shelix means. No rules printed on back, and this time it is printed on Shelix stationary.

i. Purpose of Shelix – Spring 1988 version. Explains the purpose of Shelix, what the name Shelix means, with updated Meeting Rules printed on back

j. Another version from Summer 1988 is included in folder

1. **Meeting Rules**

k. Includes two versions of Shelix Rules.

l. One version does not have a date included

m. The other version is from 10/93

1. Shelix Fliers for Events

n. Shelix S/M Video - '9 ½ Weeks' showing on May 23, 1987

o. Women's Leather Night – June 13, 1987 in the Quarry at the Pub

p. Shelix S/M Video – "BurLEZk Live" viewing

q. Shelix S/M Video – 'International Ms. Leather 1987 and 1988 on May 14, 1988

r. Shelix S/M Video – 'Vamp' on January 14, 1989

s. Shelix S/M Video – 'Story of O' and 'Hayfever' on September 16, 1989

t. Shelix LGBT Pride Party – May 6, 1995

1. **Shelix Fliers for Meetings**

u. Flier for Jan 8 Meeting – Unknown Year

v. Flier for Aug 29 Meeting – Unknown Year

w. Flier for Dec 10 Meeting – Unknown Year

x. Flier for Dec 11 Meeting – Unknown Year

y. Flier for 05/14/87 Discussion Meeting

z. Flier for 07/11/87 Discussion Meeting

aa. Flier for 10/17/87 Discussion Meeting

bb. Flier for 11/07/87 Discussion Meeting

cc. Flier for 01/16/88 Discussion Meeting

dd. Flier for 02/27/88 Discussion Meeting

ee. Flier for 08/06/88 Discussion Meeting

ff. Flier for 12/21/91 Meeting

gg. Flier for 01/25/92 Meeting

hh. Flier for 01//25/92 Meeting

ii. Flier for 02/29/92 Meeting

jj. Flier for 04/25/92 Meeting

1. **Shelix General Meeting Flier**

kk. Simple Shelix General Meeting Flyer – Perhaps a template

1. **Letters to Editors from Shelix**

ll. Letter for Community Events Editor from 2/11/??

mm. Letter to Community Events Editor/Calendar Editor from 3/11/??

nn. Letter for Valley Women's Voice to include in calendar from 7/10/??

oo. Letter for Valley Women's Voice to include in Calendar from 8/14/??
pp. Letter for Editors from Bet on 02/12/86
qq. Letter for Editors from Bet on 02/12/86 – CO GCN
rr. Letter to Editors at Gayzette from Bet on 03/24/86
ss. Letter to Calendar/Community Events Editors from Bet on 9/16/88
tt. Letter to Community Events Editor from Bet on 10/17/88
uu. Letter to Community Events Editor from Bet Power on 11/15/88
vv. Letter to Community Events Editor from Bet on 1/14/89. Paper draft and handwritten drafts are attached
ww. Letter to VWV Women from Bet on 3/18/89
xx. Letter to Community Events Editor from Bet on 9/16/89

1. S/M Reading List

yy. Lesbian S/M Reading List: Includes Books, magazines, Newsletters, and published articles. Created by Bet Power in 1986
zz. Lesbian S/M Reading List Updated – List of Books. Appears incomplete, perhaps missing pages

Folder 2. Artwork – Has artwork that was used on flyers, etc.

a. Black/White – Appears to be two female girls on cover, with the words "The Erotic Coloring Book I – Art by Naomi LK' on it
b. Black/white drawing with two female presenting characters
c. Black/white drawing with two female presenting characters
d. Smaller version of above drawing

1. Shelix Hello Template

e. A template to put into complementary newsletters that says cost of subscription and what that entails

Folder 3. Shelix Finances – mostly with Florence Savings Bank

a. Monthly bank statements from November 1993 – July 1995
b. Shelix Check Book
c. Three Florence Savings Bank Passbooks
d. Various Pamphlets about banking (not relating to Shelix)

1. Shelix Business Cards

e. (10) Black Shelix business cards (printed on matte black cardstock with shiny matte font on it that says "Shelix: S.M support group since 1983 for Lesbians, Bisexual Woman, Transvestites & Transsexuals; P.O. Box 416, Florence Station, Northampton, MA 01060-0416"
f. Shelix paper business cards – 10 per sheet of paper. Perhaps a template.
g. Folder also includes a rubber stamped with the Shelix PO Box Address on it

1. **Shelix Letterhead Template**

h. Includes template

1. Letters from Bet to Various Groups

i. Letter from Bet to group about nomination to speak at 20th Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Pride Celebration in Boston asking for votes. Original handwritten draft is included
j. Letter from Bet to Sojourner Newspaper regarding violence/ignorance against SM community
k. Letter from Bet regarding closing of Womonfyre Books
l. Letter from Bet to Urania regarding leaving group
m. Advertisement for S/M Liberation: Up from the Underground. A speech by Bet Power, which was a presentation on SM lifestyles.
n. Letter from Bet to SSCA/Beyond Vanilla regarding appointment of Ice Camins-Bretts as SSCA interim steering committee member and East Coast representative
o. Letter from Bet Power/Shelix to Outcasts regarding Outcasts representing Shelix at the Dallas Planning Conference. Multiple printed drafts are included, as well as the handwritten draft

1. **Sojourner Articles**

p. Articles from Sojourner, which were spurred by a picture of Bet Power being printed without his name as well. Included in folder are multiple articles regarding this (including a response from Bet Power as well as a response to that response from Lynn Christiansen)

Folder 4. **Various Articles** (sorted by Publisher Title when available, by author last name if not)

a. Bay Windows – 'Recollections and Corrections' – Editorial
b. Bay Windows – 'Not in the Line of Duty' by Jeff Wutzke
c. Bay Windows – 'Forum explores ramifications 'when bashers wear badges'' by Jeff Wutzke
d. Beaver County Times – '26 Arrested During Raid on Sex Club' by Stephanie Walte
e. The Boston Globe – Cutout from article by Mike Barnicle
f. The Boston Globe – 'All for Knots, and Knots for All' by Mike Barnicle
g. The Boston Globe – Letter to editor about Barnicle Article
h. Boston Neighborhood News, Inc. – 3 Men Charged in Dot Ave. Police Raid' by Ed Forry
i. Boyce, Ed: 'Boston Police Raid Private S/M Club'
j. Califia, Pat: 'A House Divided: Violence in the Lesbian S/M Community
k. Chronicle – 'Habits to Kick'
l. Cowan, Lyn – 'On Masochism'
m. Drummer – 'Off the Top' by Susie Shepard
n. Feminist Anti-Pornography News Bulletin – "On Our Back Protested at UMass"
o. The Grands Rapids Press – 'Police try to unravel 'sex dungeon' case' by Tom Rademacher, Ken Kolker, and Theresa McClennan
p. The Guide – 'Police Raid Boston Xmas Party
q. LC – Responses, cont.
r. Lesbian Connection – 'An FTM started the stonewall riot!'
s. Metroline - 'Ties that bind' by Laura Goodwin
t. The Mirror – 'Gay Activists Condemn Police Raid on Gay Club in Dorchester' by David Lafontaine
u. The Mirror – 'Go Crawl under a Rock, Mr. Barnicle' by French Wall
v. The Misunderstanding – 'Toward a more precise sexual vocabulary' by Esther Newton and Shirley Walton
w. Musto, Michael – 'Cool Sex: S&M'
x. Rosan, L.J – 'Liberation: Is it all for one – or separate?'
y. Seattle Gay News – 'Leather is out – fashion expose reveals new trend' by Ivan Martinson
z. Sex point – Public Sex by Bet Power
aa. Smoke Signals – 'Hell on Heels' by Kim O
bb. Tulsa Tribune – 'Second porn case trial set'
cc. Webster, Paula – 'The Forbidden: Eroticism and Taboo'

1. **S/M Information Written by Bet**

dd. 25 Ways to Combat SM-Phobia – a complete list of ways to stop SM stereotyping and ostracizing within the LGBT community and outside of it
ee. SM Bill of Rights

1. **Catalogs, Product Listing, Companies' Adverts**

ff. Andre Fiset Productions – Press kit
gg. B&D Pleasures – Holiday Edition
hh. Bon Vue – Buyers Guide 4
ii. Centurian – Buyers Catalog
jj. Constance Enterprise – 3 pieces of material regarding their catalog
kk. CTC – Catalog for Male Enhancement
ll. Custom Crafted Canes – Cane pamphlet
mm. Damsels in Distress – Buyers Guide
nn. Ethyl Aromas – 2 Business Post cards

oo. Flash – Unusual Documentary Videos – 1 pamphlet book, 1 order form
pp. Hedonic Engineering – Algolagnic Accoutrements – Catalog
qq. Katsam Productions – 1 information sheet, 1 press kit, 4 pamphlets
rr. Masquerade Books – 1 pamphlet, 1 catalog
ss. Rainbow Leather – 1 order form
tt. Row Conference Center – 2 Books/pamphlets
uu. Sandmutopia Supply Co. – 2 catalogs (same one), and another catalog
vv. Sonia – 1 press kit
ww. Spartacus Enterprises – 2 of the same catalog, 1 order form, 1 product listing
xx. Stormy Leather – 1 Catalog
yy. Velvet Steel – 1 order form
zz. VideoMasters – 1 catalog/order form

1. Travel Information Collected

aaa. Listing of 'Things to Do and Places to Go' – List of queer/SM activities to do in California
bbb. A Selected List of S/M Resources – List of groups around the United States for SM resources
ccc. Advert from Rose Kotyuk to Leather Folk
ddd. Pamphlet for West Coast Roosevelt Hotel
eee. 2 Tropics Motor Inn Pamphlets
fff. Americana Pamphlet

1. **Bet's Handwritten Notes**

ggg. Various notes about Shelix written by Bet

1. SMFtMs Information

hhh. Advert for a new support group for female-to-male transgender/transsexuals who are also sadomasochists and their partners

1. Miscellaneous Papers/flyers/information without a group name attached

iii. An Addendum from a group, regarding a steering committee and other things
jjj. Celebrate Success, Analyze Failures and Never Punish Yourself – appears to be a self-help section clipped from a newspaper
kkk. Fundraiser – Founders Night for an unknown group which is celebrating a 20 year anniversary and is having a fundraiser
lll. July-October Calendar of events for an unknown group
mmm. Official Release – Is about the Boston Police raid, but is unclear which group wrote it
nnn. Preliminary Agenda for Small Groups – unknown group
ooo. Questions for the consciousness-raising meetings – references the Eulenspiegel Society but is not from that group
ppp. Sample Fundraiser – sample flyer for a fundraiser, unknown who produced it
qqq. Unwanted in Any Community – flyer about 'Edie Camins Bretts (or Ice) explaining who he is/why he is unwanted
rrr. Working Draft of a Statement of Purpose and List of Functions – Explains purpose of an organization, but doesn't say which one it is

1. Various Floppy Disks from Shelix

Folder 5. Business Cards from Others

a. Aircraft Book and News
b. Amherst Dental Group
c. Bookends (3)
d. Donnelly, Joan L
e. Hair Phanatix
f. Neal, Terri E: Massage Therapist
g. Rent-A-Tape
h. Red Lantern Book
i. Schneider, Dr. Joan: Chiropractic physician
j. Snyder, Joyce: Massage Therapist

k. Summit Leather
l. TeleContactor
m. Tunstall Leathers
n. Voorhis, Jan: Polarity therapy and massage

Section C: Materials from Other Groups/Organizations that Shelix Obtained

a. **Materials from Groups A-B**

b. *A Lesbian Position* – 4 Newsletters (Volume 6, Issues 5-8)
c. *Adventurers-Suncoast*- T-Shirt order form and run application, Dragon's Lair 1989 Registration
d. *The Aids Emergency Fund* – Fetish and Fantasy Event
e. *Ataraxia*- Information about the International Fetish Resource Directory
f. *Avatar* – group pamphlet, summary of survey
g. *The Amateur Eye* – Basic information
h. *Bad Pleasure* – Newsletter
i. *The Barbary Coasters* – 23rd Annual Cold Rush Run Flyer
j. *Bay Area Reporter* – Frishs Leather Report
k. *Bay Area SM Community* – Flyer for event
l. *BI Women* – Newsletter Vol. 6. Num. 6
m. *The Black Rose* – Informational flyer
n. *The Black Book* – Informational flyer
o. *BonVue* – Holiday greeting card
p. *Boston Ducks* – Mailing
q. *Boston Pride Committee* – Voting ballot for 20th Pride Celebration (Bet is on the list)
r. *Bound and Gagged* – Subscription information
s. *Branding Iron Club* – 10th anniversary party RSVP
t. *BurLEZk Live*! – Simple handwritten advert

a. **Materials from Groups C-D**

u. *Calendar*- information about advertising in Calendar
v. *Califia, Pat* – information about party hosted for SM women
w. *California Eagles MC* – Invitation for 4th anniversary party, a pamphlet with information about annual run, and an invitation to 5th anniversary party, letter from Califia to 'Bay Windows,' letter from Califia and Dorothy Allison to Kink groups across the US
x. *Campfest '91* – Advertisement
y. *Caravan* – Interest form
z. *Caven Enterprises* – Invitation to grand opening
aa. *Cellblock 28* – Party invitation
bb. *Centaur MC* – Invitation to Olympia XI
cc. *Center for Matriarchal Awareness* – Information about meeting, flyer on police harassment of S/M people, letter about police raid in Pittsburgh
dd. *Challengers International MC* – Announcement of group forming
ee. *Cincinnati Chaps* – Information about event they hosted
ff. *Club X* – Information about mailing list
gg. *C.O.L.D.* – Informational paper with application for event
hh. *C.O.M.M.A.N.D.* – Handkerchief code
ii. *Community Center Project* – Basic information
jj. *Connecticut Lesbian/Gay Pride Festival* – Information about Event
kk. *Cornhauler's L&L Club* – Discover Atlantic reservation
ll. *Cowtown Leathermen* – 7th Anniversary Party RSVP sheet
mm. *Constance Enterprises* – Informational paper
nn. *Dallas Planning Conference* – Registration form for event
oo. *DeBlase, Anthony* – Letter distributed
pp. *Denver Leathers* – The Ultimate Hanky Code
qq. *Desmodus, Inc*. – Informational letter, letter to club members, Magazine flyer for leathermen, application for a classified in magazine, application for group

advertisement in magazine, ifnromation about their magazine DungeonMaster, announcing 'The Sandmutopia Guardian & Dungeon Journal'

rr. *Dreizehn* – Informational letter, information about fundraiser

ss. *Dressing for Pleasure Gala* – Pamphlet

tt. *Drummer Magazine* – little flyer for 'Come Together' Event

a. **Materials from Groups E-F**

uu. *East Bay Lesbian S/M Group*- S/M Questionnaire

vv. *Entre Nous, Inc* – Provincetown Weekend pamphlet, a small postcart which is an invite for a party

ww. *Erotic Visions* – Registration and Disclaimer

xx. *Explorer's Run* – Invitation to run, 2 applications for run

yy. *Fantasy '90* – Registration Form

zz. *Faucon, MC* – Application, explanation

aaa. *Female Trouble* – Flyer for Electricity Demo, flyer for Piercing Demonstration & Clinic, Hooked Up Vol. 2 No. 2 (their magazine/pamphlet), invitation for Piercing Clinic

bbb. *Fetish Factory* – 2 Invitations for Fetish Party on 2/17, 2 Invitations for party on 6/16, 2 Invitations for party on 5/19, 2 invitations for party on 6/29, Invitations for party on 11/21, Invitations for party on 10/17, invitations for party on 10/31, invitations for party on 1/30, Invitations for party on 7/12, Invitations for party on 10/5, letter with information about group

ccc. *Firedancers*- RSVP for labor day weekend party, flyer for party, flyer for event with RSVP attached, RSVP for party, (4) RSVP for 3rd annual Ruby Slipper party, RSVP for Firedancers 5th Anniversary party

ddd. *Fluker*-Peters, James – letter about being on a mailing list for an unknown group that he is the secretary of

eee. *The Fountains of Pleasure* – informational packet

a. **Materials from The Eulenspiegel Society (TES)**

fff. Folder contains all of the TES information in the Shelix Collection

ggg. Group's business card

hhh. Information about/published by TES (Background information on the group/SM, House Rules for the group, group's By Laws, society's creed, various letters from group, newsletters, letters about subscription

iii. Group's calendars

jjj. Flyers from group about events, group information

kkk. Articles circulated by the group

a. **Materials from Groups G-H**

lll. *Gallina, Raelyn* – information about her piercing services which includes and interview, another paper with information about her, flyer for her piercing services

mmm. *Gay Community News* – add form and subscription form

nnn. *Gay Pride Day* – Small advertisement

ooo. *Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Discrimination* – (3) Leather Pride Night advertisement

ppp. *The Greater Boston Lesbian & Gay Political Alliance* – announcement of 6th annual community recognition awards, letter about Boston Thunderhead case, poster about Boston Thunderhead Case, Advert for meeting about the Boston Thunderhead Case

qqq. *Griffin Flight* – RSVP for Griffin Flight II

rrr. *Herbooks* – pamphlet about organization

a. **Materials for GMSMA**

sss. Folder contains all of the GMSMA material in the Shelix Collection

ttt. Pamphlets for GMSMA/provided by GMSMA

uuu. Calendars/listing of events for GMSMA for years 1987-1992

vvv. GMSMA flyers (for events, for meetings, for general advertising, etc.)

www. Newsletters from GMSMA from years 1986-1991

xxx. Empty envelopes from GMSMA

a. **Materials for the Hartford Colts**

yyy. Materials from the Shelix Collection from the Hartford Colts.

zzz. Newsletters from the Hartford Colts, from oldest to newest, years Oct 1987-July 1991 (not every monthly newsletter is in folder)

aaaa. Posters for events hosted by the Hartford Colts from 87-91, and various ones without a year printed on poster

a. **Materials from Groups I-J**

bbbb. *International Gay Travel Association* – Advert for Oktobervest Munich Leather Weekend

cccc. *I.S.I.S* – advertisement, advertisement for their advertisement services, flyer announcing their information network

dddd. *Ivey, D.* – Personal advert

a. **Materials from Groups K-L**

eeee. *Key West Business Guild, Inc.* – Advert for Women in Paradise weekend

ffff. *Knights of Leather* – Huge flyer for Knights Tournament Three (a leather SM weekend), mailing advertising their advertising rates, (2) small flyer for Knights Tournament Three with RSVP, Advert for Knights Tournament Five, (2) Press release for Knights Tournament 2, (2) flyers for Knights Tournament 4 with RSVP, advert for advertising in Knights Tournament 4 book, press release for knights of leather tournament 3, seasons greeting postcard from group, (2) flyer for Knights Tournament 3, mailing advertising their advertising rates for tournament 2.

gggg. *Lace Publications* – Advertising new Lesbian S/M safety Manual by Pat Califia

hhhh. *Lambda Rising Bookstore* – Flyer for event about On Our Backs

iiii. *Leatherdykes* – Letter about a newsletter advert and its cost

jjjj. *Leather and Lace* – Advert for Brotherhood Feast, advert for party on 6/28, (2) small advert for Leather and Lace VI, brief letter

kkkk. *Leather Force 2000* – advert for master and slave auction, business card

llll. *The Leather Journal* – flyer for Pantheon of Leather ’93 with RSVP, Press release about Pantheon of Leather Awards ’93, (2) pamphlet for Pantheon of Leather ’91, huge laminated flyer for Pantheon of Leather Awards ’92, RSVP for Pantheon of Leather ’92, Advert for Pantheon of Leather ’92, information about reserving a group table at Pantheon of Leather ’91, advert for subscribing to The Leather Journal

mmmm. *Leather Links* – flyer for renewal of subscription, letter advertising magazine

nnnn. *Leather Weekend* – (2) Flyer for Leather Weekend ’89, informational packet about leather weekend ’92, informational letter about leather weekend ’90 with RSVP, informational letter to craftsperson about leather weekend ‘89

oooo. *Leather Pride Night* – Letter about tenth annual leather pride night

pppp. *Leathermen Weekend* – advert for event

qqqq. *Leather News* – Letter for Bet about lesbians in Northampton against porn

rrrr. *LeatherFest SanDiego* – informational flyer

ssss. *The Leatherfold Connection* – produced by United Leatherfold of Conneticut and is a flyer with personals, Vol 1 Issue 5 of the magazine

tttt. *Lesbian and Gay Pride March* – letter from their outreach committee requesting assistance in running the march

uuuu. *Lesbian Sex Mafia* – letter about controversy surrounding Pat Califia and Dorothy Allison, advert with RSVP for party, small flyer for Leather Celebration ’94, Letter from Lesbian Sex Mafia choosing Pat Califia as its representative for convention

vvvv. *Lifestyles* – advert for their clip art services

wwww. *Limelight* – flyer for Fetish Ball with letter about event

xxxx. *Lion Regiment* – Advert for event 'Mining the Gem'

yyyy. *LIPS* – packet sent from them with articles of interest to SM folk, letter with their December event calendar, advert for women's only dungeon party, advert for another women's only dungeon party, paper with their dungeon regulation, august/September calendar listing, another women only dungeon party flyer, letter announcing new organizing committee

zzzz. *LSM* – advertising letter with flyer attached

***a.* Materials from Groups M-N**

aaaaa. *Mad Dog Tattoo* – advertisement with letter requesting distribution of flyer

bbbbb. *Mantours International* – letter advertising their cruise service (Fantasy Voyage '91 pamphlet included), pamphlet for their services and The Southeast Leather Weekend with other pamphlets attached and one full size flyer

ccccc. *Menkes, David Samuel* – advert for his custom leathers service, very small

ddddd. *The Matriarchy Society of New York* – Letter about new group

eeeee. *Michigan Women's Music Festival* – letter about S/M area at festival, two maps of festival attached

fffff. *Minnesota Leather Encounter* – Advert for their 2nd annual Minnesota Leather Encounter Weekend with registration attached, 1 full size advert with registration, (2) another advertisement for the 3rd encounter weekend with itinerary and cost attached

ggggg. *Mistress Anne-Marie Boylen* – huge letter advertising/explaining her services

hhhhh. *Migration* – (2) large flyer for event with RSVP at bottom, another of the same advert but smaller and in white

iiiii. *Mix Pix & Dix, Lda* – information about their newspaper on Gay and Lesbian association

jjjjj. *Motorcycle Club Inc* – letter announcing their 23rd annual Gold Rush Run

kkkkk. *Mr. Gulf Coast Drummer* – advert for their event '89 with itinerary with RSVP attached, '90 announcement letter with RSVP attached, flyer for event '90

lllll. *Mr. Leather International* – (2) pamphlet with application attached with informational letter inside for '92 contest, pamphlet with application attached for '89 contest, pamphlet with application attached for '90 contest, (2) paper with contestant questionnaire and contestant application (unsure of year), flyer for '92 contest, letter to Shelix asking for their participation in contest for '92, pamphlet with application and reservation for 88 contest, application for '93 contest with small flyer attached

mmmmm. *Mr. Leather New York* – informational flyer with RSVP for '90 contest, informational advert for '88 contest

nnnnn. *Mr. New England Drummer* – letter to Shelix requesting participation in event, advertising form for '92 contest, paper template about who the document is for

ooooo. *Mr. Upstate NY Leather* – registration form for '90 contest with information attached

ppppp. *Ms. Leather International* – announcement of 2nd annual competition with information, letter about 6th annual competition with information, information and volunteer signup for first event with pamphlet for sponsored hotel attached, letter about '89 contest and fundraising with 'Beat Jesse' attached, advertisement for advertising at contest, informational letter about contest, informational letter about '90 contest, informational paper about donating to the contest, advertisement for Human Pet show hosted by event, informational letter about contest, informational letter about contest,

informational letter about ’92 contest, flyer for Reception fro leather men and & women fundraiser for event

qqqqq. *Ms. North East Leather* – flyer for advertising at ’92 event with page attached describing advert sizes, letter about ’92 contest, informational letter about ’92 event, informational letter about ’92 event encouraging Shelix to become involved with donation sheet attached, (2) informational letter about applying to contest with application attached, informational letter about ’92 event

rrrrr. *Ms. Stripper of the Year* – flyer advertising contest

sssss. *NAC* – letter with itinerary attached

ttttt. *National March on Washington* – informational letter about event, (2) informational letter about traveling to event, pamphlet on transportation to event with informational letter attached, letter about event location and events, informational letter about march asking for donations, a pamphlet on the event with informational letter and merchandise sale for the event attached, letter of thanks for donation to Shelix, flyer for ’93 march

uuuuu. *The Names March* – Flyer with information about memorial and donation slip attached

vvvvv. *The New Alexandria Lesbian Library* – letter from group about censorship of S/M lesbians by the Calendar with a letter about disability in the SM world attached.

wwwww. *New England Women’s Musical Retreat* – letter about advertising space in program book with information about that attached

a. **Materials form the National Leather Association (NLA)**

xxxxx. Folder contains materials from the NLA

yyyyy. Postcards with RSVP or voting information on them

zzzzz. Pamphlets from the NLA about various issues

aaaaaa. Mailings (newsletters, information about events, voting, etc)

bbbbbb. First Link Issues/newsletters about the newsletter

i. Includes various editions from the 1st to volume 6

cccccc. Posters from NLA – for events, for the group, etc.

dddddd. Living in Leather Materials

eeeeee. Various materials that do not fit in other categories, including letterhead for group]

ffffff. An empty envelope from the group

a. **Materials from Groups O-P**

gggggg. *Oklahoma Linemen Renaissance IV* – Flyer with run application on back

hhhhhh. *ORGASM* – letter from group addressing prejudice and hate towards SM communities in Oregon with donation slip attached, Newsletter Extra from group with events attached with release and registration rules attached and dungeon regulations

iiiiii. *Outcasts* – Letter to Shelix requesting information about them, letter about controversial events with classifieds attached, a pamphlet with safety guidelines for SM play, a letter with proposals for the Dallas Leather and S/M Conference, letter about letter and said letter, letter about the Michigan Women’s Music Festival, letter about Michigan Women’s Music Festival Letter

jjjjjj. *Panther L/L*- informational letter for Shelix about group, Information about meeting rates

kkkkkk. *People Exchanging Power of Arizona/Arizona Power Exchange* – announcement of group name change, large letter with events and information attached (it is probably a newsletter)

llllll. *People Exchanging Power of Houston* – informational letter about group

mmmmmm. *People Exchanging Power of MD* – flyer about group's meeting, newsletter about group, informational newsletter

nnnnnn. *People Exchanging Power of NM and DC*: informational letter about two groups, information about DC group/newsletter

oooooo. *Philadelphians MC* – informational flyer for Tri-Cen-VII with RSVP attached

pppppp. *Power Circle* - flyer with information about group

qqqqqq. *The Power Exchange* – informational little flyer about group with subscription attached

rrrrrr. *Powersurge* – announcement of 1st lesbian international conference with information attached

ssssss. *Primitive Leather* – informational flyer with hours, number, and location

a. **Materials from Groups Q-R**

tttttt. *QSM* – flyer for evening lecture 'Creative Bondage,' flyer for weekend retreat regarding Ecstatic Shamanism, flyer for an weekend for the topic of shock play, flyer for weekend with SM workshops, flyer for workshops at the Kinky Spring Festival with subscription option for mailing list attached, flyer advertising 'A Saturday Afternoon Discussion Series' in January/February, flyer for lecture series 'Transforming the Body: Cutting, Piercing & Branding

uuuuuu. *Rochester Rams MC* – flyer for retreat hosted by group with application on back

a. **Materials from Groups S-T**

vvvvvv. *S/M Leather Contingent* – (2) paper to reserve a table at March on Washington, two very large flyers for the March on Washington with the group and a small flyer of the same, (2) flyer for joining group in March on Washington, (2) maps of the march, information about the Lesbian and Gay Pride March in New York

wwwwww. *S/M Leather Conference* – (2) Itinerary for the S/M Leather Conference

xxxxxx. *Leather/SM/Motorcycle Contingent* – Itinerary for pride parade, advertisement for event hosted by group called Club Day

yyyyyy. *SM/Leather/Fetish Contingent* – flyer about becoming involved with group for National March on Washington'93, a flyer for a Stonewall Celebration in 1994

zzzzzz. *Safe-Sane-Consensual* – Newsletter for group, another newsletter (for Oct '87), (2) newsletter for march (Nov-Dec '92), letter about march with group registration form attached, informational letter about starting a S/M contingent in your neighborhood, Newsletter for group (Sept 87), little pamphlet about participating in the March on Washington, newsletter for group (Sept 91), informational letter from group about membership and becoming involved, letter about the National March for Lesbian and Gay Rights

aaaaaaa. *S&M News* – flyer for Pocono Fall Fling Party,

bbbbbbb. *S.M.A.L.L.E.R.S* – informational letter, letter from group asking for more participation/donations

ccccccc. *San Francisco Aids Foundation* – informational pamphlet about lesbians and AIDs

ddddddd. *Scene Sunday for Men* – informational flyer about event

eeeeeee. *Sensual Magic* – flyer with calendar for group's workshops, registration form for group's workshops

fffffff. *SMC* – letter requesting help in having the Lesbian S/M Safety Manuel reprinted, letter from group about the Lesbian S/M Safety Manual

gggggggg. *SigMa* – letter explaining group's purpose membership and governance, newsletter from group (Oct '87), newsletter from group (Aug. 87), informational pamphlet about group

hhhhhhh. *Sluts for Sensation* – flyer for party hosted by group on S/M Play with party rules attached, flyer for party hosted by group with RSVP attached, flyer

for a different party hosted by group with RSVP attached, letter from group about Sluts in the Sun II weekend, informational paper about Sluts in the Sun II with registration form attached, informational letter for ImsL event, letter from Pat Califia about group and conference, flyer and RSVP for last Sluts for Sensation party, advertisement for party with RSVP attached, another advert for a party with RSVP attached

iiiiiii. *Society of Janue* – advertisement about group

jjjjjjj. *Southbay Leather and Uniform Group* – informational advert for group

kkkkkkk. *Southern Kink* – informational letter about group

lllllll. *Sovereign Mysteries* – letter declaring Dorthy Allison as representative at Conference in Dallas

mmmmmmm. *Spearhead's* – 20th anniversary weekend retreat with group flyer and application form attached

nnnnnnn. *Spice of Life* – letter to Shelix from Bon-Vue Enterprises about starting a new publication called 'Spice of life'

ooooooo. *Stormy Leather* – information about company as well as order form for merchandise, flyer with different merchandise displayed

ppppppp. *T-Bears* – Flyer for event 'Daddy's Day with the T-Bears', (2) flyer for 7th anniversary banquet, flyer for Club Day hosted by group

qqqqqqq. *Tape Odyssey* – (2) pamphlets explaining it and order form

rrrrrrr. *Tarheel Leather Club* – information about 'Star and stripes in Leather' anniversary celebration, reservation form for Starts and Stripes in Leather

sssssss. *Teddy Bear Leather Club of Virginia* – flyer for Emperor and Empress of Leather Contest, written description of Emperor and Empress of Leather Contest, application for 2nd Vernal Arousal contest

ttttttt. *Temple of Hecate* – informational letter about group and membership, flyer for group

uuuuuuu. *Texas Riders Inc* – letter of invitation to 20th anniversary party, flyer for 20th anniversary party with RSVP

vvvvvvv. *Thunderhead Club* – (2) general rules for dungeon regulations

wwwwwww. *The Tie Rack* – flyer for company with 2 pages of images depicting merchandise attached, letter requesting groups promote their company

xxxxxxx. *Tobey, Kathy* – letter announcing her services as a sub

yyyyyyy. *Tom of Finland Foundation* – Newsletter Fall 1990 Vol. II No. 4

zzzzzzz. *Tri-State-TCC* – newsletter published by group

aaaaaaaa. *Tribe MC Detroit* – Flyer for their Oktoberfest party

a. **The Trestle Newsletter**

bbbbbbbb. Calendar for January 1988

cccccccc. Calendar for February 1988

ddddddd. Calendar for March 1988

eeeeeeee. Calendar for April 1988

ffffffff. Calendar for May 1988

gggggggg. Calendar for June 1988 with contestant awards attached

hhhhhhhh. Calendar for July 1988

iiiiiiii. Calendar for August 1988

jjjjjjj. Calendar for October 1988

kkkkkkkk. Calendar for November 1988

llllllll. Calendar for December 1988

mmmmmmmm. Calendar for January 1989

a. **Materials from Groups U-V-W**

nnnnnnnn. *Uniform Fantasy Ball* – Flyer for event

oooooooo. *Urania Newsletter*

pppppppp. *The Vault* – (2) small flyer for event for Valentine's Day, Flyer for their 'erotic dildo awards' with newsletter attached describing upcoming events

qqqqqqqq. *Walshall Hardware Corporation* – letter explaining their services and what they carry as a company, flyer displaying the different rings they carry as well as other hardware

rrrrrrrr. *Woman Link* – letter explaining group and membership

a. Materials from Groups X-Y-Z

SSSSSSSS. Folder is Empty

Box 2: Only Shelix Mail/correspondence through mail

Section D: Mail for/from/by Shelix

Folder 1. Letters to Shelix regarding inquiring about subscriptions, subscription renewal, inquiring about the group in general

o. It is important to note that there is not possible way to sort through this mail (since many do not have names on them, or dates, or anything besides a SASE envelope) I have divided the letters into 2 groups for simplicity's sake: those with envelopes and those without

1. **Letters to Bet or by Bet (Personal)**

p. These letters include letters by Bet or for Bet that are either too personal to be filed under a regular Shelix mail folder

1. **Other Letters to Shelix**

q. Includes letters inquiring about personals

r. Includes anything that does not fit into the other folders

1. **Empty Envelopes addressed to Shelix (or Bet)**
2. **Letters from other Groups/Organizations**

s. Letters for various organizations that do not quite fit into the individual A-Z Materials from other Organizations Folders. Mailing is alphabetized and include letters from the following organizations:

t. A Lesbian Position
u. Alternative Marketing
v. Bi-Focus
w. Bisexual Resource Guide
x. Bon-Vue Enterprises Inc.
y. Leather & Lace Hankie Code (Jennifer Brook)
z. Califia, Pat
aa. Celestial Products
bb. Center for Matriarchal Awareness
cc. Desmodus, Inc
dd. F.A.E.S.S
ee. Female Trouble
ff. Goodwin, Laura
gg. Kinsey Institute
hh. Knights of Leather
ii. Lace Publications
jj. Langlois
kk. Lesbian Herstory Archives
ll. National Lesbian Agenda
mm. Outcast
nn. People Exchanging Power of Baltimore
oo. Sunshine Exchange
pp. University of Amsterdam (the Dokumentatiecentrum Homostudies)
qq. Wicked Women