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'OUR PAPER' PUBLISHES NLN SURVEY; SENDS COPIES TO LOCAL BUSINESSES

The results of Northern Lambda Nord's May '87 survey of Caribou business attitudes towards the gay-lesbian community were published in the July issue of *OUR PAPER: A Voice for Lesbians and Gaymen in Maine*. The survey results had been printed in *Communiqué* for the information of Lambda members, a guide to those businesses which welcomed and did not welcome our business. When *Our Paper's* July issue appeared with the entire reprint of the *Communiqué* article, nothing was said to any members of the *Our Paper* staff. They had not checked with any Lambda members as to the appropriateness of reprinting the survey results but in discussion after the July *Our Paper* appeared, a few Lambs felt that the results would be of interest to the greater community in Maine and that no negative consequences would result. But NLN did not know at that time what else *Our Paper* had done.

When the copies of the July issue of *Our Paper* were being inserted into envelopes and address labels applied, it appears that a spur-of-the-moment decision was made by the people doing this task. They decided that it would be a good idea to send copies of the paper with the Caribou survey results to all the businesses mentioned in the survey. They took it upon themselves to spend the time to get the addresses from a copy of the Aroostook County phone directory and mail newspapers to the Caribou merchants, all of this without consulting Northern Lambda Nord as to the appropriateness of this action. And then the shit hit the proverbial fan.

On page one of the July 15, 1987 edition of the *Caribou Aroostook-Republican and News*, the headline read, "Gay group publishes 'anonymous' survey results". (article reprinted below). Previous articles in the Caribou newspaper elicited support for NLN and put us in a favorable light; this article did not.

Gay group publishes 'anonymous' survey results

by Liz Chapman

Caribou business people who responded anonymously to a gay/lesbian survey in May learned last week the questionnaire was coded and that their remarks have been published with attribution in a statewide gay/lesbian newspaper.

Phil Bushey, an executive council member for Northern Lambda Nord, Inc., said Monday the surveys were coded so the group would be able to identify the businesses.

"There was nothing in the questionnaire that even implies the surveys were confidential," Bushey said. "Coding of questionnaires is a common practice. We did it for purposes of record keeping."

An article published in the July edition of *Our Paper* is printed below a headline which reads, "Caribou survey shows support for civil rights."

The story states that Northern Lambda Nord mailed each of the 182 Caribou Chamber of Commerce members a survey in early May, of which 27 were returned.

The survey revealed that 53 percent of the respondents answered "yes" to the question, "Do you support a non-discrimination policy in employment

to protect gaymen and lesbians from job discrimination in the state of Maine?"

The article also details the results of the other five survey questions, and reveals comments made by Caribou business people who were unaware of the survey code.

The names of the businesses were listed beside the remarks. The eight sample comments published were all negative, including "Hope you all get AIDS," and "Go back to your closet or get out of town."

Bushey said the NLN Executive Council believed people would be more honest if they were given anonymity.

"We felt if they thought their comments were anonymous, they would give their true feelings," he said.

He admitted the response from Caribou businesses was not significant enough for a valid statistical survey.

The *Our Paper* article also lists business who welcome patronage from lesbians and gaymen, and those which do not, based on the survey results.

Calls to four of the eight businesses which were directly quoted in the story revealed the owners did not sign

the survey, that they were unaware of the coding, and that they were not advised the survey results would be published.

One business man who was quoted said he "threw away" the survey.

Bushey said the results were not printed for "the general public," but rather only for other gaymen and lesbians.

However, businesses which returned the surveys received copies of the newspaper's July edition.

The survey was conducted because of NLN's concern over "recent and recurring conflicts with the Caribou Chamber of Commerce." The survey states, "(NLN) wants to know if the chamber's policies are a true reflection of the local business community."

The most recent "conflict" between NLN and the Caribou chamber occurred last December, when the group mailed a financial contribution for the new "Welcome to Caribou" road signs.

According to Chamber Executive Director Lucinda Hebert, NLN's donation arrived about 45 days past the Oct. 31 deadline. She returned the money to the group because the chamber had reached its goal for the project, she said.

Hebert added that NLN did not offer to contribute to another project, and that because the money was undesignated, she could not accept it on behalf of the chamber.

The director said she received a copy of the survey and was unaware of the coding until the article circulated last week.

Following are the remaining five survey questions and the results, based on the 27 questionnaires received by NLN and published in the Portland-based newspaper:

- Do you welcome patronage by area lesbians and gaymen? 44 percent, yes; 52 percent, no; and 4 percent, no answer.
- Assuming he/she is a good worker, would you continue to employ someone if you discovered he/she were gay? 54 percent, yes; 34 percent, no; and 10 percent, no answer.
- Should Northern Lambda Nord's paid advertising be included in the annual Caribou Winter Carnival booklet? 37 percent, yes; 59 percent, no; and 4 percent, no answer.
- Should Northern Lambda Nord be included on the list of Caribou-area clubs and organizations? 37 percent, yes; 59 percent, no; and 4 percent, no answer.

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Survey

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• Should Northern Lambda Nord's donation for the Caribou welcome signs have been accepted? 41 percent, yes; 56 percent, no; and 3 percent, no answer.

Tim Sample, a lawyer with the Maine Attorney General's Office, said Monday that the Caribou business people "have good cause to be upset," over the survey coding, but added, "I'm not aware of any law that makes it illegal."

NLN was established in 1980 and is Aroostook County's only gay/lesbian service group. Bushey said the organization has a mailing list of about 200 people, including residents of western New Brunswick.

Affiliated with the Maine Lesbian/Gay Alliance and the International Gay Association, NLN membership is open to anyone who supports the group's goals, according to Bushey.

In a letter to *Our Paper*, Dick Harrison, NLN Director, noted that "the results of the recent survey of Caribou businesses...was not for the information of the general public. The results were published in NLN's monthly *Communiqué* to inform Lambda members of local business attitudes towards the gay-lesbian community in northern Maine...your decision to send copies of *Our Paper* to Caribou businesses was TOTALLY WRONG!...The answers and the lists of supporters and non-supporters was intended for the use by the gay-lesbian community in Aroostook to help in deciding where to spend our money, and not for any other purpose. By sending copies of *Our Paper* to Caribou businesses and not consulting NLN as to the appropriateness of such a measure, *Our Paper's* actions have placed NLN in a very negative light in northern Maine. Whatever respect and 'credibility' Northern Lambda Nord had built up over the last 7½ years has been badly tarnished. The impression this incident presents is that Northern Lambda Nord cannot be trusted."

In responding to this letter, Diane Elze from the *Our Paper* staff expressed concern as to when something in *Communiqué* is or is not for reprint. Though the *Our Paper* collective supported the action to send copies of the July issue to Caribou businesses, it was also noted that some of the burden falls upon NLN to indicate when an article in *Communiqué* is not for publication. In the last 77 issue of *Communiqué* over the history of this organization, this is the first time that an item should not have been reprinted. Diane agreed to author a letter from *Our Paper* to the businesses who received copies of the July issue, noting that the article reprint and the mailing of copies to Caribou merchants was not the intention of Northern Lambda Nord, but was an independent action on the part of *Our Paper*. The letter will also be sent to the editor of the *Aroostook-Republican* for reprint.

CFC CAMPAIGN BEGINS - NLN CAN BENEFIT FROM DONATIONS

The Combined Federated Campaign, or CFC, is similar in scope to the United Way but exists in federal agencies in the US, such as on military installations. Each campaign is localized to benefit local non-profit groups as well as national charities. At Loring Air Force Base, the CFC campaign begins in mid-September and continues through October. As a federally-recognized non-profit organization, Northern Lambda Nord can be designated as a recipient of weekly payroll deductions. If you are a military member or a civilian employee, you can have your donations earmarked for NLN. This past year, Lambda received nearly \$70 in contributions. The booklet which lists qualifying organizations and agencies will list NLN only after it has been receiving donations for two years, so it will not appear in this fall's campaign booklet. On your CFC donation card, instead of indicating an agency number, merely write "Northern Lambda Nord, POB 990, Caribou, Maine 04736" in the space provided. If you work for any federal agency which participates in the CFC campaign anywhere in the US, there's no reason why you cannot designate NLN as a recipient, as well.

DIANE DUFRESNE DIXIT (Le magazine RG, Montréal)

Dans une entrevue accordée à *GaiPied Hebdo* dernièrement, on rapporte les propos suivant de Diane Dufresne:

J'aime être entourée de femmes, et j'ai beaucoup d'amis lesbiennes. J'aimerais pouvoir les baiser, mais ce n'est pas mon truc! En fait, il faudrait être, homo et hétéro, les deux, ce serait l'idéal, comme ça je pourrais aussi avoir une femme dans ma vie. Si j'avais des enfants, je crois que j'essaierais de les élever en leur apprenant à aimer à la fois les femmes et les hommes, histoire de changer les habitudes! Mais je n'ai pas pris le temps de faire des enfants. Mes amis me disent souvent, on les fait pour

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toi! Je suis trop angoissée pour pouvoir assumer les angoisses de la gestation d'un spectacle et l'éducation d'un enfant. Mon sentiment maternel s'exprime quand je monte sur scène. J'ai donné mon sentiment maternel au public.



MARCH ON WASHINGTON INCLUDES NUMEROUS EVENTS

The March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights, scheduled for Sunday, October 11, has sparked organizing throughout the US as well as countries abroad. Maine organizers have bus and train transportation arranged as well as hotel accommodations reserved in D.C. Over 250,000 protestors are expected. March demands include passage of a federal gay-lesbian civil rights bill; an end to discrimination against people with AIDS and AIDS-related conditions and HIV-positive status as well as more money for research; repeal of all sodomy laws; a presidential order banning anti-gay discrimination in the federal

government; legal recognition of gay-lesbian relationships; reproductive freedom, the right to control our own bodies; and an end to racism in this country and an end to apartheid in South Africa. Related march events include:

* AIDS MEMORIAL PROJECT creating a memorial with thousands of fabric panels, each inscribed with the name of a person who has died of AIDS, assembled quilt-style and displayed across the Mall * THE TREK TO WASHINGTON with 60 or so people walking from Philadelphia to DC, leaving Phila. October 2 * MARCH AGAINST DEATH AND VIOLENCE For 40 hours between October 9-11, marchers carrying names of people who have died of AIDS or from anti-gay violence will walk single-file past the White House, the Capital, and other locations * NATIONAL LOBBY DAY delegations will meet with Senators and Members of Congress on October 9 * NEVER FORGET ceremony at the Congressional Cemetery with a dedication to slain gay San Francisco Supervisor Harvey Milk * RUNNERS AGAINST AIDS members of gay running groups will run through DC with Brent Earle, who arrives after running across the US and back to raise money for AIDS * S/M LEATHER CONFERENCE, October 10 * TOWN MEETING ON SEX AND POLITICS October 10, aimed at facilitating community "reflection and rumination" on gay sex and sexuality * LESBIAN AND GAY BANDS OF AMERICA CONCERT, October 10 at DAR Constitution Hall, 8pm * HUMAN RIGHTS CAMPAIGN FUND DINNER October 10, annual fundraising event * VETERANS MEMORIAL SERVICE, October 11, prior to the march, at Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, honoring gay veterans who lost their lives during military service * WORSHIP SERVICE October 11 at Lincoln Memorial, planned by Metropolitan Community Churches * NATIONAL LESBIAN & GAY RIGHTS CONGRESS PLANNING MEETING, October 12 to plan a 1988 "congress of lesbians and gaymen, to show our diversity, to establish our priorities, and to divest strategies for accomplishing them" * BICENTENNIAL PROTESTS IN PHILADELPHIA Organized by the Philadelphia Lesbian and Gay Task Force a demonstration against the "hypocrisy of the official Constitutional Bicentennial celebrations." Protests have been held in July and Sept. * THE WEDDING, October 10 - a ceremony to publicly acknowledge the existence of ongoing, committed relationships; equal in value to straight couples

MANITOBA PASSES RIGHTS BILL (from an editorial in EPICINE magazine, Toronto)

Bill 47's recent amendment to the "Manitoba Human Rights Act" makes Manitoba the fourth province/territory in Canada to prohibit discrimination against lesbians and gaymen. Congratulations to the gaymen, and especially the lesbians (who were, for a change, in the majority in this campaign), who worked so hard to secure the amendment.

We hope Manitoba's experience is an inspiration to activists working for similar amendments in the remaining eight provinces and territories. And we hope it inspires all of us who are committed to forcing the federal government to live up to its promise to outlaw discrimination on the grounds of sexual orientation. Ottawa's Equality For Gays And Lesbians Everywhere (EGALE) is making a valiant effort to involve people across the country in lobbying for the amendment to the "Canadian Human Rights Act"...

...above all, we should be on guard against AIDS-related discrimination. In BC, the government is intent on passing a law that will give health officials the power to test someone they believe to be at risk for AIDS without that

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person's consent, and to quarantine those who test positive for HIV exposure...

Our dream of human rights protection now seems more likely than ever to become a reality...but so does the nightmare of the gross violation of rights of those who have, or are perceived to be at risk for, AIDS.



COORS BOYCOTT GROWS

The City of New York has joined Boston and Santa Cruz, California, in official participation in the boycott of Coors Beers. Coors will not be sold at any New York City-organized events. The Coors boycott began in 1977 as a result of the Coors company's anti-gay/lesbian, anti-union, anti-woman, anti-minority policies. The Coors family, which owns all controlling brewery stock, has contributed to the John Birch Society, the Moral Majority, and other anti-gay groups; they have had Ku Klux Klan meetings at their brewery. William Coors feels that "Blacks lack the intellectual capacity to succeed, and it's taking them down the tubes."

Coors policy includes search and seizure of employees' property. The Coors brewery administers lie detector tests to job applicants and questions whether one is a homosexual. Other anti-civil liberties policies are published in the numerous boycott-Coors pamphlets distributed in the US and Canada. Coors, once #1 in California with 45% of all beer sales, has dropped to 16%. They have been forced to find new markets, thus their sales now in Maine and Canada. **BOYCOTT COORS!**

BORK NOMINATION TO US SUPREME COURT A THREAT TO GAYS, LESBIANS

Ronald Reagan has nominated Federal Appeals Court Judge Robert Bork to a seat on the Supreme Court. The Bork nomination has been attacked by numerous groups, including gay and lesbian groups.

In 1984, Bork wrote a decision which upheld the right of the US Navy to expel a gay man from the service. Bork asserted that there is no constitutional principle establishing a privacy right to engage in homosexual conduct. Bork has a very narrow view of the First Amendment. He is on record as opposing a woman's right to choose contraception or to choose to have an abortion. He has denounced basic civil rights ruling of the 1960's, rulings which struck down poll taxes and established the "one person/one vote" concept. Bork's presence on the Supreme Court will be devastating for lesbians and gaymen. Both Maine Senators, Cohen and Mitchell, are as yet undecided as to how they will vote on the Bork nomination. The Senate hearings begin in mid-September and the Senate will vote to confirm or deny the nomination about two weeks later. If you have never written to Cohen or Mitchell before, NOW is the time! If Bork sits on the Court, his influence will set back any civil rights gains and will be felt into the next century. Moral Majority founder Jerry Falwell was quoted in the *Washington Post* August 3, summing up the importance the Religious Right places on the Bork nomination: "We are standing at the edge of history," wrote the television evangelist to his constituents. "Our efforts have always stalled at the door of the U.S. Supreme Court." The nomination, he observed, "may be our last chance to influence this most important body."

Unless you want Jerry Falwell's ideas to become the basis for US legal rulings, you must act to keep Bork from attaining a seat on the US Supreme Court. Write to Cohen and Mitchell and tell them you are opposed to the nomination of Robert Bork to the Supreme Court. His extremely narrow and fundamentalist interpretation of the Constitution are a threat to civil liberties in this country.

Write (or call) their Presque Isle offices : •Senator William Cohen
•Senator George Mitchell Main Street, PI 04769
Church Street, PI 04769 764-3266
764-5601

CALL OR WRITE TODAY! You can be sure that Jerry Falwell's friends are!

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GAY-RELATED CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS IN MAINE

- PRESQUE ISLE, Friday, September 25 - AIDS: MEDICAL AND PSYCHOSOCIAL PERSPECTIVES
A one-day conference addressing various medical, psychosocial, ethical, and educational concerns related to care and services for persons with AIDS (PWA), AIDS-related complex (ARC), and those who are sero-positive (testing positive for the HIV). Morning presentations, choice of afternoon workshops. Co-sponsors include Northern Maine RAISE, Maine Bureau of Health & Human Services, The AIDS Project of Maine, and the Veterans' Administration. LOCATION: Wieden Hall, University of Maine/Presque Isle. Information: No.Me.RAISE, 764-4178
- BANGOR, Tuesday, November 3, 7:30pm - GAY CIVIL RIGHTS "No issue dramatizes more clearly the clash between different moral standards and the problem of defining the limits of tolerance. Professor James Friedman, University of Maine School of Law, will explain legal arguments for and against extending civil rights to gays. Harry Gordon, Secretary of the Maine Lesbian/Gay Political Alliance, will present his experience of intolerance and discrimination. Professor Roland Wessels, Bangor Theological Seminary, will examine differing Christian attitudes towards homosexuality." LOCATION: Lincoln School, 45 Forest Avenue. Information: Maine Civil Liberties Union, 774-5444
- BANGOR, Tuesday, November 10 - GAY EQUAL RIGHTS - Foster parenting by gays and lesbians: right or wrong? A discussion group at the Bangor Public Library, 7pm. INFORMATION: Maine Civil Liberties Union, 774-5444
- PORTLAND, April 8, 1988 - FIRST MAINE CONFERENCE ON GAY AND LESBIAN YOUTH: Creating a Brighter Tomorrow Brian McNaught, counselor, syndicated columnist, and author, will be the keynote speaker. Topics include: information on gay and lesbian youth; information on how homophobia impacts all youth; skills for building relationships with gay and lesbian youth; specific teaching techniques for dealing with homophobia in the school setting; counseling skills for working with gay and lesbian youth; strategies to deal with gay and lesbian issues in family, religious, and youth agency settings. Sponsored by the Committee for Gay and Lesbian Youth in Maine. INFORMATION: Joni Foster, Maine Department of Education and Cultural Services 289-5925.

Other up-coming seminars and workshops:

- * A Seminar for Men (Augusta, September 30)
 - * Sexuality Education for Young Children (Bangor, October 5)
 - * Counseling Issues in Human Sexuality (Togus, November 5 & 6)
 - * Sexually Transmitted Diseases & Contraceptive Update (Waterville, November 19)
 - * Tips for Teachers: Family Life Education (Augusta, December 3)
- INFORMATION: Family Planning Association of Maine, 622-7524

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ELTON JOHN (magazine RG, Montréal)

Le Sun, un des fleurons de la presse populaire et vulgaire de Londres, fait ses choux gras des parties de jambes en l'air des personnalités de la vie publique britannique. Cette fois-ci, le scoop ne fut pas tant la révélation des orgies homosexuelles d'Elton John que la publication d'une photo le montrant nu en train de friqueter avec un jeune mec. Pour les frustrés qui achètent quotidiennement cette feuille de choux, voilà une photo qui les a fait encore plus baver que les gros nénés de la fille nue que le journal publie chaque jour dans ses pages intérieures.



PROTECT YOURSELF! - Practice Safe and Sensible Sex!

SAFE

Massage
Hugging
Mutual masturbation
Social kissing (dry)
Body-to-body rubbing
(frottage)
Light S&M (no bruising
or bleeding)

POSSIBLY SAFE

French kissing (wet)
Anal sex with a condom
Sucking - stop before climax
Watersports - external only

RISK INCREASES WITH
MULTIPLE PARTNERS !!!

UNSAFE - Rimming, Fisting, Blood contact, Sharing sex toys, Semen or urine in the mouth, Anal sex without a condom.

RISK INCREASES WITH MULTIPLE PARTNERS !!!

AIDS symptoms may include: Persistent fevers or night sweats - Unexplained weight loss - Enlarged, hardened, or painful lymph nodes - Recently appearing new growths on top of or beneath the skin or on the mucous membranes (inside mouth, anus, nasal passages, or underneath eyelids) - Dry cough not related to cold or flu - Persistent diarrhea - Thrush, a whitish, thick, persistent coating on tongue or in throat - Easy bruisability or unexplained bleeding. CHECK WITH THE LAMBDA LIBRARY FOR LITERATURE ON AIDS AND STAYING HEALTHY.

SURGEON GENERAL DISCREDITS 'PSYCHOLOGIST' (The WASHINGTON BLADE)

In a recent interview, U.S. Surgeon General C. Everett Koop said that Paul Cameron, discredited psychologist and anti-gay activist, is "one of the most dangerous men in America. His answer to everything is genocide of homosexuals." Koop said he had heard Cameron's views being quoted by White House officials, and "that scares me." Cameron's statements are oftentimes used as "fact" in anti-gay arguments by homophobes. His unethical practices have caused him to be censured by his native Nebraska Psychological Association as well as the American Psychological Association.

'GAY AS A GOOSE' (RFD magazine)

In the April 1987 issue of *Q&NI* magazine, Konrad Lorenz, father of ethology and Nobel Prize laureate, is quoted as saying that "A 'normal' homosexuality exists in many birds and fish. If you put two pigeons together, they invariably pair. They build a nest, they copulate. Only when no eggs are laid, you realize both are females. In geese you have the unexplained phenomenon of male pair formation. Two ganders may form a friendship and live exactly like a pair, except for copulation. Copulation is unimportant. Pair formation ceremonies keep the two together, and they may be faithful to each other for ten years. This is a sort of homosexuality. Dogs in the street may just take another male as a substitute object to mount. So if you ask whether homosexuality occurs in animals, the answer is yes, in a thousand different ways."

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COLLOQUE HOMOSEXUALITE ET TOLERANCE SOCIALE

Colloque Homosexualités et Tolérance Sociale, présentait par le Faculté des Sciences Sociales à l'Université de Moncton, le 9, 10, 11 octobre 1987. Ateliers/tables rondes conférences: HOMOSEXUALITES ET... *Droits de la personne *Lieux de gestion sociale *Savoir et pouvoir *Eglise et éthique *Ecriture *Education; PARMi LES PARTICIPANT(E)S - *Gordon Fairweather *Guy Menard *Marie-Andrée Bertrand *Math Hughes *David Ewart *Rino Morin-Rossignol *Nicole Brassard. FRAIS D'INSCRIPTION: 15\$, étudiant(e), sans emploi, et retraité(e); 30\$, autre. Pour de plus amples renseignements s'adresser à Raoul Goguen, a/s du G.R.I.I.G.E.S, Edifice Taillon, Université de Moncton, Moncton, Nouveau-Brunswick, E1A 3E9 (506) 858-4181

CONFERENCE ON HOMOSEXUALITIES AND SOCIAL TOLERANCE

The Faculty of Social Sciences at l'Université de Moncton is hosting this conference, October 9-10-11, 1987. Topics of workshops/panel discussions: *Homosexualities and Human Rights *School and Social Management of Homosexualities *Community and Social Management of Homosexualities *Knowledge, Awareness, Power and Homosexualities *What place does society reserve for homosexuality? *Writings and Homosexualities *Homosexual and Gay Movements *Church, Ethics, and Homosexualities. FACILITATORS include: Gordon Fairweather, Guy Menard Marie-Andrée Bertrand, Math Hughes, David Ewart, Rino Morin-Rossignol, and Nicole Brassard. REGISTRATION: \$15 for students, unemployed, and retired, \$30 for others. Simultaneous translation will be available. For more information: Raoul Goguen, c/o GRIIGES, Edifice Taillon, U.de M., Moncton, New Brunswick, E1A 3E9, (506) 858-4181

GAY-RUN ORGANIZATION FUNDS CONTRAS (RFD magazine)

The National Endowment for the Preservation of Liberty, NEPL, a fundraising organization for the Contra rebels in Nicaragua, had at least two top leaders and four subordinates who were gay. One of the top men, Carl R. "Spits" Channell, had frequent contacts with Lt.Col. Oliver North, and ex-CIA director William Casey probably knew about the "gay connection" in the Contra fundraising effort. Channell's companion, Eric Olson, received \$34,000 in consulting fees, but sources familiar with NEPL knew of no work Olson did to merit the payments.

IS 'THE JOY OF GAY SEX' NOW OK IN CANADA? (RITES magazine, Toronto)

In an important ruling, Judge Hawkins of a District Court in Ontario has ruled that the book *The Joy of Gay Sex* is not obscene and has checked Canada Customs' escalating war on gay materials entering the country. Hawkins noted in his ruling, "However repugnant the concept of anal sex may be to (heterosexuals) it is...the central sexual act of homosexual practice. To write about (homosexuality) without dealing with anal intercourse (is like) writing a history of music and omitting Mozart."

Canada Customs has had a regular practice of seizing gay and lesbian literature bound for several bookstores in Toronto and Vancouver. Though they had said that *The Joy of Gay Sex* was not permissible, other books such as *The Joy of Lesbian Sex* and *The Joy of (Heterosexual) Sex* were allowed to be sold in Canada.

'TIME' REJECTS GAY CATHOLIC ADVERTISING (RFD magazine)

Dignity/USA, an organization for lesbian and gay Catholics, submitted a full-page advertisement for publication in *Time* magazine. *TIME* refused to run the advert and, according to a spokesperson, "We don't give reasons for accepting or rejecting advertisements." The ad was then taken to *Newsweek*, which accepted it. Now we know which weekly newsmagazine gay people ought to purchase.

DO YOU WANT TO GO TO THE MARCH ON WASHINGTON?

NLN cannot pay your way but members should be aware that the Help Fund can be used to defray part of the cost of getting to Washington DC over the October 10-12 weekend. Contact a Steering Committee member today. (Roger M, Dale, Dick, Stephen J, Phil, Carl G). The Maine Lesbian-Gay Political Alliance (MLGPA) also has funds to help. Call Diane, 799-6905 (So. Portland)

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- **FREDERICTON:** Fredericton Lesbians and Gays (FLAG), POB 1556, Station A, E3B 5G2 - FLAGline, 506/457-2156
- **ORONO:** Wilde-Stein Club, Memorial Union, University of Maine 04469 - meets in Thursdays, 6-9pm in Sutton Lounge, Memorial Union Building
- **BANGOR:** Bangor Area Gay-Lesbian-Straight Coalition (BAGLSC), POB 1805, 04401 - meets the first Sunday and third Thursday of each month, 7pm, at 87 Sunset Strip, Brewer - 989-3306 - dances once per month (summertime), twice monthly the rest of the year - call or write for details
- **BANGOR:** DownEast Gay/Lesbian Organization (DEGLO) - contact Bangor Unitarian Church, corner Main and Union Streets, 04401
- **QUEBEC:** Centre homophile d'aide et de libération (CHAL), 175, Prince-Edouard, G1K 2M2, 418/523-4997
- **QUEBEC:** Groupe gai de l'Université Laval (GGUL) et Groupe des femmes gaies de l'Université Laval (GFGUL), CP 2500, Pavillon Lemieux, Cité Universitaire, Ste-Foy, G1K 7P4
- **MONCTON:** Gais et Lesbiennes de Moncton/Gays and Lesbians of Moncton (GLM), CP/POB 7102, Riverview E1B 1V0
- **PORTLAND:** Gay/Lesbian Alliance, University of Southern Maine, 92 Bedford Street, 04102, 207/780-4085
- **PORTLAND:** Harbor Masters, Inc., leather-levi group, POB 4044, 04104
- **HALIFAX:** Gay Alliance for Equality (GAE), Box 3611, South Postal Station, B3J 3K6, 902/429-6969
- **NEWFOUNDLAND:** Gay Association in Newfoundland (GAIN), Box 1364, Station C, St. John's, A1C 5N5
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- **OUR PAPER:** A Voice for Lesbians and Gaymen in Maine - monthly newspaper; \$12 for one year subscription, POB 10744, Portland 04104
- **MAINE LESBIAN/GAY POLITICAL ALLIANCE:** POB 108, Yarmouth 04096

AIDS information SIDA

- **AIDS-Line,** information and referral service, 207/775-1267 - 1-800/851-AIDS (-2437)
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