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Listen. So I'm new in town, and I offer my services to this paper. Do they give me an office? A desk? A typewriter? Paper? No way! I tell them I'll do gossip -- you know, who's sleeping with who...who's not. Do they let me? No way. I write an advice column. (Hmmp) Do I get letters? NO!

What is this anyway? Is everyone out there so blissfully occupied that you can't even drop me a line? Okay, so you don't have any problems. Send me your favorite recipe, or a Salada teabag saying. (Who writes those anyway?) Hey, I'll even take personal descriptions and phone numbers. Send me SOMETHING! Please, I'm bored. (I want a desk).

So they tell me I might have come on a "little too strong."

I could have been "softer", more "compassionate", a "tad sweeter", "kinder" in my approach. What is this? I'm not one of those pookey, little marshmallows that bobs around in your Swiss Miss. Come on.

Then they say that "maybe" a picture would help. You know, one of those 3x5 celluloid images which thoroughly portrays your true inner self. Give me a break. I tell them, "No way! I don't do black and

white, I need colors." (Ha!) They insisted. So, I dug up the best portrait I could find. (Oops.)
 Until next time....
 Me



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dents said they wear rings or other symbols of their relationship.

More than 700 completed surveys have been returned to Partners thus far, and the survey remains open to participants through January. The short, anonymous questionnaire requests general information on subjects such as sexual agreements and satisfaction, sources of relationship support, and discrimination against same-sex couples.

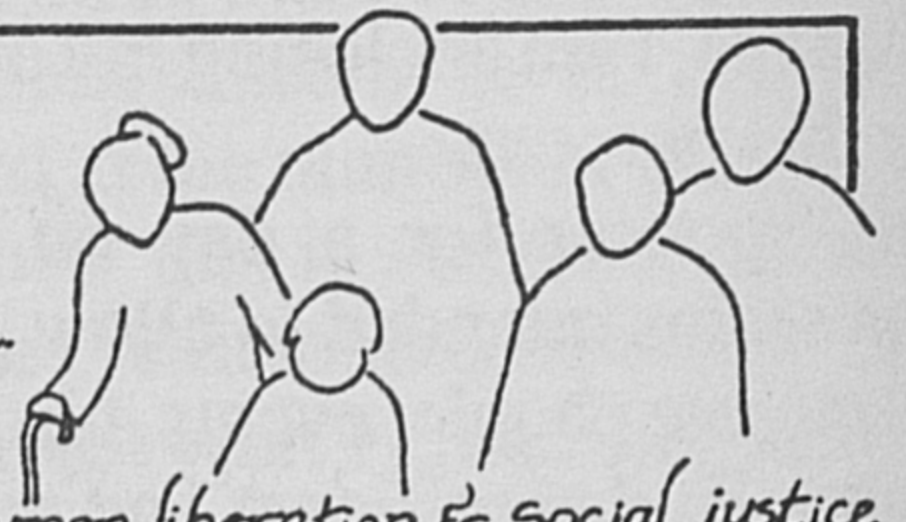
Partners is an eight-page monthly offering interviews, news and information to help gay and lesbian couples develop satisfying and successful relationships.

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