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## Gay National News

### NAMES Project Nobel Nominee

Congresswomen Nancy Pelosi and Barbara Boxer, D-Calif., wrote to the Nobel Committee to officially nominate the San Francisco-based NAMES Project for the Nobel Peace Prize.

In their letter to the Norwegian Committee, the Congresswomen wrote, "Remembering those who have died of AIDS inspires action to fight the epidemic and to respond with compassion to those now living with AIDS."

Recognizing the universal message of the Quilt, the World Health Organization last year awarded the NAMES Project funding to continue its presentations of the Quilt in foreign countries, as well as assistance for the creation of similar projects around the world. The NAMES Project has chapters in West Germany, Great Britain, Canada, Australia and Brazil.

Requests and encouragement form around the world have prompted the Nobel Peace Prize-nominated NAMES Project to mobilize its national network of volunteers to display the AIDS Memorial Quilt this October in Washington, D.C. The announcement came on the day the Quilt left San Francisco for a 5-month tour of 19 cities throughout the United States and Canada.

The October display is expected to include more than 12,000 individual 3'x6' panels. This is one third larger than the number included in 1988, and 6 times the size of the inaugural display in 1987. Deadline for submission of panels for the Washington display is August 1st, 1989.

Preparing the Quilt for the Washington, D.C. display on October 6-8, 1989 will require the efforts of hundreds of volunteers over the next six months. The NAMES Project needs part-time and full-time volunteers in the San Francisco workshop from now through the end of September.

The NAMES Project cannot be responsible for your transportation, housing

or other costs, but can offer you the chance to be part of the preparations for the October display, and to see San Francisco. If you would like to offer any amount of time, please call the volunteer coordinator at (415)863-1966.

### Lambda Files Domestic Partner Benefits Challenge in Minneapolis

Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund announced today the filing of a potentially precedent-setting challenge to the refusal by the Minneapolis Library Board to extend health care benefits to the domestic partners of three lesbian employees. The complaints were filed with the Minneapolis Department of Civil Rights after extensive negotiations with the Library Board failed.

Lambda represents three lesbian librarians who claim that the denial of health insurance to their domestic partners violates the city ordinance banning discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and marital status. Like most employment policies, the Minneapolis Library Board extends health care coverage to the spouses of its heterosexual employees, but not to unmarried partners.

"In a society where one-third of an employee's compensation consists of benefits, most of which is insurance, even lesbian, gay and unmarried employee in this country is essentially paid less than their married, heterosexual counterpart who gets these benefits for their partners. It is unjust and inhumane to value some individuals' health care more than other," said Paula L. Ettlbrick, Lambda's Legal Director and lead attorney on the case.

### Federal AZT Subsidy Receives \$5 Million Boost from HHS

The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) has reprogrammed \$5 million to continue the federal AIDS drug subsidy program that helps low-income individuals purchase treatments for AIDS.



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