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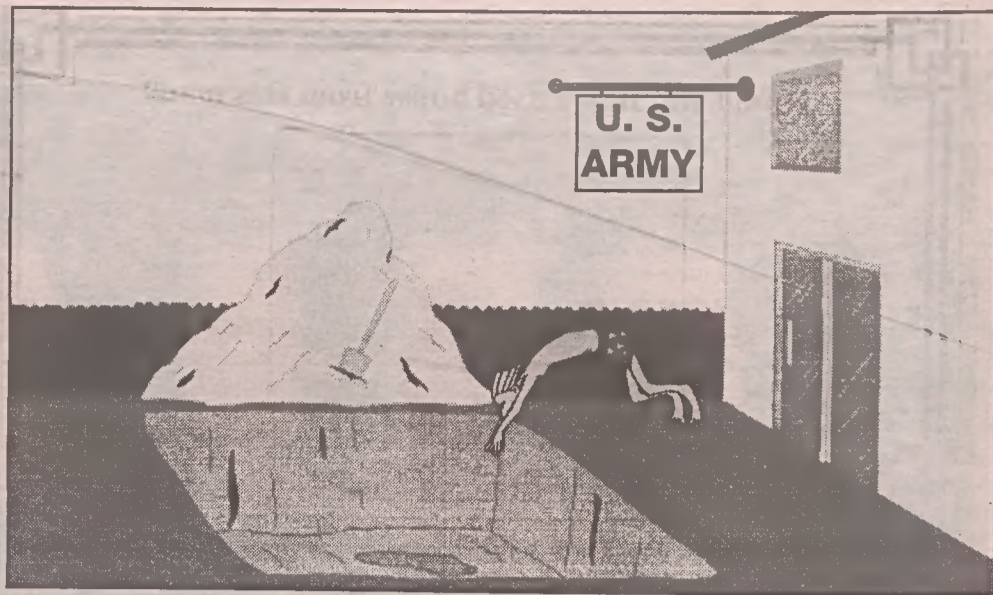
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viewpoint

Our gay agenda

Over the next several weeks, organizers of the Millennium March on Washington are launching what we believe to be the largest grassroots polling operation in the history of the GLBT justice movement.

We are in the process of preparing the platform for the Millennium March on Washington for Equality (MMOW) — the fourth national GLBT march and the first human rights march of the new millennium.

In past marches, participants had to travel to designated cities to participate in the platform preparation. Now, for the first time, every single member of the GLBT community

has the opportunity to have a direct vote and voice in the platform of the upcoming March on Washington.

A "Platform Survey Ballot" has been designed and posted on the March's official web site at <http://www.mmow.org>. To make the process as democratic as possible, we are also distributing the ballot through the GLBT press, additional web sites, community newsletters and Internet mailing lists.

Ballots must be completed in full to be counted, including name and address. All information will remain confidential. Fax your completed ballot to (818) 893-1593 or mail to Millennium March on Washington, Platform Ballot, 15842 Chase St., North Hills, CA 91343. To receive an email version of the ballot, contact MMOW2000@aol.com.

— Jim Birkitt

MMOW Communications Director

MMOW Platform Survey

Make your voice heard by casting your vote for the agenda of the March on Washington. While all of the issues below are important to the GLBT community, please vote for up to five of your top concerns.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Hate Crimes Legislation | <input type="checkbox"/> GLBT Aging Issues |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Right To Marry | <input type="checkbox"/> Immigration Rights |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Discrimination in Employment | <input type="checkbox"/> GLBT Youth Issues |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Right To Serve Our Country | <input type="checkbox"/> Overturning Anti-GLBT Laws |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lesbian Health Issues | <input type="checkbox"/> Right To Privacy/Choice |
| <input type="checkbox"/> AIDS/HIV Issues | <input type="checkbox"/> GLBT Global Issues |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Child Custody and Adoption Rights | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |

Name: _____
 Email Address: _____
 Mailing Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

- Do you plan to attend the March on Washington? Yes No Not Sure
 Are you willing to serve as a volunteer in your community for the March? Yes No
 Are you registered to vote? Yes No
 Would you be willing to visit your congressperson while attending the March? Yes No
 I self-identify as:
 Lesbian Gay Male Transgender Bisexual Straight Other

letters

Learning lesbian values

Why did lesbians get the morals and gay men get the shaft? It appears that most of my lesbian friends enjoy monogamy and most of my gay male friends are slut puppies. Is this a figment of my imagination? I have a very wide social circle and I simply find this fascinating. What sets us apart in that arena?

I have never once gotten a late-night phone call from a woman saying, "Hi. I just needed to talk. I just know my lover is cruising the bookstore. I am so upset." It would never hap-

pen. My lesbian friends say things like: "She is on my nerves so I am ignoring her" or "We are working on the lawn today and having a barbecue later."

My male friends are the ones who call me at 3:00am to declare: "I just know he is at the baths! That rotten @\$#! Pick me up so I can see if his car is there!" I may be uneducated in this arena, but I have never heard of a lesbian bathhouse nor women hanging out in public parks or restrooms for a "quick fix."

Obviously, this is a huge generalization, but it seems women take the lead in this category. I don't see any Sisters of Sappho meetings that are clothing-optional with casual sex encour-

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