

POINTS OF VIEW

Help group aiding those with MD in many ways

Late last year I wrote a column about a young man I met at a Christmas Eve party. The child, about 3 years old, couldn't walk; at the time, his parents were waiting to see if the diagnosis was a spinal problem or muscular dystrophy.

could do. I put the question to the family about the same time they received the diagnosis for their son — he is afflicted with a type of muscular dystrophy.



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I'd also shown up to discuss how we could help the little boy's family. Instead, the boss ordered the first of what would be many, many beers and handed me a letter. I stuffed it, unopened, in my wife's purse, a favorite carry-all for everything I don't wish to carry, and, since I really couldn't read anyway at that point in time, continued the evening.

ple were touched by the article and wondered what they might do to help," it said. "Though we need a used full-size van to transport our son and his electric wheel chair, in the interest of doing what's socially responsible, we suggest people make donations to the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

"Your readers are already helping through their tax dollars and their donations to the various charities," the letter continued. "I can vouch that organizations like MDA put their money to good use. I can also assure them that more money is needed.

Double standard exists for some macho 'warriors'

The Feminist is really steamed this time. I can tell. Otherwise she wouldn't have been calling the White House the other night. Or Don Riegle. Or Carl Levin. Or Bill Ford. In Washington, no less. Couldn't settle for a local call, Oh, no.

Boy does that get The Feminist upset. "What about some straight guy coming on to a woman? What about some macho jerk telling her she has a nice ass and then wondering why she gets upset about it? What's the difference?"



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take it. These are the same antediluvian machos who didn't get it when Anita Hill was accusing Clarence Thomas of sexual harassment. Most of them, of course, didn't believe her anyway. But those who conceded that she might be telling the truth figured it was no big deal. Learn to live with it, baby. Get a life.

The fascinating thing about this whole brouhaha is that all of the outrage is coming from macho males. I haven't heard any women complaining — or any men bringing up the point — that lifting the ban on gays in the military applies to gay women as well as gay men.

forced to run a "guntlet" in which they were fondled and sometimes disrobed, there was no great public outcry. Women's groups were incensed and the Navy promised an investigation, but the bubbas were curiously silent.

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